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*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor
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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

FISCAL YEAR 1951-52

1. *Outline of New Plan*

The Old Age Assistance Act, assented to June 30, 1951, deals essentially with persons sixty-five to sixty-nine years of age, a group heretofore not entitled to any specific financial aid under federal legislation. At June 1, 1951, the date on which the last census was taken, there were 433,497 persons in Canada 65 to 69 years of age distributed as follows:

Alberta.....	29,439
British Columbia.....	52,927
Manitoba.....	27,347
New Brunswick.....	14,286
Newfoundland.....	9,071
Northwest Territories.....	172
Nova Scotia.....	19,440
Ontario.....	155,097
Prince Edward Island.....	3,268
Quebec.....	93,161
Saskatchewan.....	29,103
Yukon Territory.....	186

The plan for paying old age assistance follows the lines of the original plan as first adopted in 1927 for paying pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act, the provinces being responsible for the administration and the federal government paying one-half of the cost. The income requirements under the new Act are more generous and the regulations dealing with the calculation of income more flexible in certain respects. The residence requirement is the same as it was in the Old Age Pensions Act.

The Old Age Assistance Act was passed by Parliament in June, 1951, after a joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons on old age security had made the following recommendation:

"All things considered, the Committee is of the opinion that the most suitable old age security plan for Canada under present circumstances consists of a two-fold program, as follows:

- (a) A universal pay-as-you-go program applicable to all persons 70 years of age and over, based on the contributory principle and administered by the federal government. The benefit should be a flat, uniform amount of \$40 a month for all eligible persons, and eligibility should be based solely on age and a suitable residence qualification.
- (b) For the age group 65 and over not eligible for the universal benefit, old age assistance at the rate of \$40 a month should be available, subject to an eligibility test in some respects similar to that which exists under the present old age assistance program, but modified to take account of the different characteristics of the age group to which this test is to apply, and adjusted in such a way as to recognize to a greater extent than at present the desirability of encouraging recipients to earn supplemental income."

The Act authorizes the Minister of National Health and Welfare, with the approval of the Governor in Council, to make, on behalf of the Government of Canada, an agreement with a province to provide for the payment to the province, in accordance with the Act and the regulations, of amounts in respect of assistance paid by the province pursuant to provincial law, not exceeding, in respect of any recipient, fifty per cent of forty dollars monthly or of the amount of assistance paid by the province monthly to the recipient, whichever is the lesser. Following the enactment of The Old Age Assistance Act, appropriate steps were taken by federal authorities to facilitate the completion of agreements with the provinces and the Northwest Territories. In the case of the Northwest Territories, this was the first occasion on which an agreement was negotiated between the territorial authorities and the federal government, the costs and administration of old age pensions in the Northwest Territories having previously been borne entirely by the federal government. At an earlier stage the Yukon authorities had indicated that it was not their intention to enter into an agreement under the new legislation during the fiscal year 1951-52.

Agreements with the provinces under the Old Age Pensions Act had been in operation for varying periods of time prior to January 1, 1952, the date on which The Old Age Assistance Act came into force. In order to make the agreements the provinces had found it necessary to pass legislation providing for the payment of old age pensions. This legislation was not considered adequate in all respects for the purpose of making agreements under The Old Age Assistance Act and six provinces, namely, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, called special sessions of their legislatures late in 1951 for the purpose of passing new acts to provide for old age assistance. The Northwest Territories Council also met and passed a new ordinance. Early in 1952 the other four provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Alberta, passed new legislation, effective from January 1, 1952, at the regular meetings of their legislatures. Later in the year the Government of the Yukon Territory passed a new ordinance, effective from April 1, 1952.

In the sections which follow further details are given regarding the agreements along with statistics for the fiscal year 1951-52.

2. *Agreements with Provinces and Territories*

By March 31, 1952, or shortly thereafter, the Government of Canada had entered into agreements under The Old Age Assistance Act with the ten provinces and the Northwest Territories. Each agreement provides for the commencement of the payment of assistance from January 1, 1952, except the one with Newfoundland which stipulates April 1, 1952, as the date of commencement.

In its agreement a province may fix the maximum amount of assistance payable and the maximum amounts of allowable income. The maximum amount of assistance to which Canada may contribute under the provisions of The Old Age Assistance Act, namely \$40 a month or \$480 a year, is provided for in all agreements except the one with Newfoundland which provides for a maximum payment of \$360 a year.

The amounts of allowable yearly income, including old age assistance or blind allowance, specified in The Old Age Assistance Act have been accepted by all provinces and the Northwest Territories. These are \$720 a year in the case of an unmarried person, \$1,200 in the case of a married person and \$1,320 where the spouse is blind within the meaning of The Blind Persons Act.

The provinces are also required by the provisions of The Old Age Assistance Act to specify in their agreements the minimum age of a recipient and any conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law other than those contained in the Act. Under all the agreements old age assistance is payable at the age of 65 years. No province has specified any other condition of eligibility in its Act.

3. *Administration—Federal*

The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the federal part of the administration of old age assistance. This includes the examination of provincial records to establish the amounts owed to the provinces by the Government of Canada under the Act. Resident examiners are stationed at Halifax, Fredericton, Quebec, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Vancouver. Payments to the provinces are made by the staff at Ottawa.

4. *Administration—Provincial*

The Old Age Assistance Act requires the appointment by a province of a "provincial authority" defined in the Act as "the officer or body charged with the administration of the provincial law". The expression "provincial law" means a law of a province that provides for the payment of old age assistance to the persons and under the conditions specified in The Old Age Assistance Act and regulations, and that authorizes the province to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada in accordance with the Act.

The following is a list of the government departments under which old age assistance is administered, with the names of the ministers, deputy ministers, or other senior officials; also the names and addresses of the provincial authorities and the chief officers in charge of the administration:

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.
Minister—Honourable W. W. Cross, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer—A. C. McCully, Chairman, The Old Age Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.
Minister—Honourable A. D. Turnbull, Minister of Health and Welfare.
Deputy Minister—E. W. Griffith, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.
Chief Officer—J. H. Creighton, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.
Minister—Honourable Ivan Schultz, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—M. R. Elliott, Deputy Minister of Health and Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.
Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.
Minister—Honourable F. A. McGrand, Minister of Health and Social Services.
Chief Medical Officer—J. A. Melanson, Department of Health and Social Services.
Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.
Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.
Minister—Honourable H. L. Pottle, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—F. W. Rowe, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.
Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister—Honourable Harold Connolly, Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.
Minister—Honourable W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Acting Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.
Chief Officer—Ian Campbell, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Charlottetown.
Minister—Honourable A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare.
Deputy Minister—J. J. Trainor, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.
Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Acting Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.
Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.
Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.
Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.
Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.
Minister—Honourable John H. Sturdy, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Provincial Authority—Social Welfare Board, Regina.
Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Department—Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa.
Commissioner—H. A. Young, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.
Provincial Authority—G. E. B. Sinclair, Director of Old Age Assistance, Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa.

5. *Advisory Board and Regulations*

Shortly after The Old Age Assistance Act was passed by Parliament, the Minister of National Health and Welfare called a meeting of the Interprovincial Board appointed by the Governor in Council under the Old Age Pensions Act. The meeting of the Board took place on July 16th and 17th, 1951. The purpose of the meeting was to draft regulations under The Old Age Assistance Act and The Blind Persons Act. The regulations in draft form were referred to the provinces for further comment. When agreement was reached, the regulations were submitted to the Governor in Council for approval. Referred to as "The Old Age Assistance Regulations", they were approved by Order in Council P.C. 6596, dated December 6, 1951.

As at March 31, 1952, a new Advisory Board provided for by The Old Age Assistance Act had not been appointed as all provinces had not named their representatives.

6. *Financial and Statistical Summary—January 1 to March 31, 1952*

TABLE I.
RECIPIENTS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

NUMBER

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
As at—January 31, 1952.....	1,922	1,819	588	1,746	—	987
February 29, 1952.....	2,279	3,396	745	2,240	—	1,541
March 31, 1952.....	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	—	2,271

AVERAGE MONTHLY PAYMENT

As at—January 31, 1952.....	\$37.74	\$38.96	\$38.51	\$37.45	—	\$34.39
February 29, 1952.....	37.58	38.37	38.57	37.29	—	34.37
March 31, 1952.....	37.36	38.28	38.45	36.91	—	34.09

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

For—January, 1952.....	\$ 36,408.96	\$ 53,790.85	\$ 14,389.02	\$32,690.08	—	\$16,972.43
February, 1952.....	45,105.54	92,654.01	33,288.29	49,237.90	—	28,989.27
March, 1952.....	62,536.86	116,223.41	59,012.20	83,708.98	—	49,711.75
Fiscal year 1951-1952.....	144,051.36	262,668.27	106,689.51	165,637.56	—	95,673.45
From inception of Act to March 31, 1952.....	\$144,051.36	\$262,668.27	\$106,689.51	\$165,637.56	—	\$95,673.45

PERCENTAGES AS AT MARCH 31, 1952, BASED ON CENSUS OF 1951

Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population ..	3.13	4.54	3.52	2.77	2.51	3.03
Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	10.03	7.81	4.53	22.66	—	11.68

6. *Financial and Statistical Summary—January 1 to March 31, 1952—Concluded*TABLE 1.
RECIPIENTS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

NUMBER

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Sask- atchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
As at—January 31, 1952.....	7,173	98	8,500	1,508	—	—	19,341
February 29, 1952.....	10,051	220	8,167	1,991	—	—	30,630
March 31, 1952.....	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	—	—	41,601

	AVERAGE MONTHLY PAYMENT						
As at—January 31, 1952.....	\$37.84	\$16.87	\$38.81	\$37.01	—	—	—
February 29, 1952.....	37.62	21.58	38.72	37.07	—	—	—
March 31, 1952.....	37.28	21.72	38.61	36.93	—	—	—

	FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS						
For—January, 1952.....	\$135,702.76	\$ 826.65	\$ 67,924.72	\$ 27,907.05	—	—	\$ 386,613.12
February, 1952.....	236,624.00	2,374.15	243,180.99	43,534.37	—	—	776,988.52
March, 1952.....	300,185.34	3,331.65	376,975.53	61,951.13	—	—	1,113,636.85
Fiscal year 1951-52.....	672,512.10	6,532.45	690,081.24	133,392.55	—	—	2,277,238.49
From inception of Act to March 31, 1952.....	\$672,512.10	\$6,532.45	\$690,081.24	\$133,392.55	—	—	\$2,277,238.49

PERCENTAGES AS AT MARCH 31, 1952, BASED ON CENSUS OF 1951

Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population...	3.37	3.32	2.30	3.50	1.07	2.04	—
Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age....	8.19	9.33	13.17	8.58	—	—	—

7. PROVINCIAL STATISTICAL DATA FURNISHED BY PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1951-52

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont. *	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.
Total.....	3,020	4,229	1,270	3,276	.....	2,289	.....	307	12,400	2,553	.....
Male.....	1,234	1,817	487	1,373	.....	949	.....	138	4,733	1,088	.....
Female.....	1,786	2,412	783	1,903	.....	1,340	.....	169	7,667	1,465	.....
Married.....	1,459	1,560	499	1,782	.....	967	.....	123	6,146	1,225	.....
Single.....	332	622	199	386	.....	342	.....	73	1,385	309	.....
Widower.....	194	271	120	180	.....	169	.....	19	942	176	.....
Widow.....	827	1,129	377	808	.....	698	.....	75	3,443	651	.....
Separated.....	179	582	65	115	.....	104	.....	12	484	176	.....
Divorced.....	29	65	10	5	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	16	.....
Age 65.....	201	648	221	721	.....	473	.....	49	2,725	427	.....
66.....	564	780	238	654	.....	478	.....	57	2,558	559	.....
67.....	603	873	316	718	.....	554	.....	62	2,742	599	.....
68.....	754	1,016	273	695	.....	450	.....	69	2,607	526	.....
69.....	898	912	222	488	.....	334	.....	70	1,768	442	.....
In cities.....	1,191	3,043	726	436	.....	229	.....	118	5,114	748	.....
In towns.....	627	224	144	319	.....	564	.....	32	1,231	458	.....
In villages.....	401	281	315	25	.....	1,043	.....	17	5,947	736	.....
On farms.....	801	681	85	2,496	.....	453	.....	140	108	611	.....
Own homes.....	1,114	1,475	218	1,607	.....	1,175	.....	124	2,338	1,187	.....
Rented houses or apts.....	332	848	403	319	.....	195	.....	33	2,924	377	.....
Children—relatives.....	928	799	432	1,226	.....	727	.....	80	5,558	661	.....
Rented rooms.....	561	1,039	187	65	.....	142	.....	19	1,072	284	.....
Public institutions.....	57	27	20	32	.....	36	.....	48	.....	33	.....
Private institutions.....	28	41	10	27	.....	14	.....	3	508	11	.....
Receives—											
Other pension.....	459	250	61	99	.....	117	.....	1	459	51	.....
Annuity.....	9	45	8	5	.....	10	.....	2	89	35	.....
Unemployment insurance.....	42	62	13	24	.....	25	.....	.....	196	8	.....

NUMBER PROVING AGE BY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont. *	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.
1. Certificate of birth.....	1,508	2,935	773	248	.....	238	.....	130	276	1,413	.....
2. Certificate of baptism.....	455	411	251	2,214	.....	1,217	.....	97	11,961	261	.....
3. Census records alone.....	375	16	116	102	.....	486	.....	45	40	479	.....
4. Old Bible records.....	89	.....	8	53	.....	138	.....	20	8	5	.....
5. Other records.....	593	867	122	659	.....	210	.....	15	115	395	.....

* Information not furnished.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont. *	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.
1. Not 65.....	17	48	8	36	.....	22	.....	17	82	64	.....
2. Unable to prove age.....		5	.....	.....	.....	1	.....		1	1	.....
3. Too much income.....	113	224	13	176	.....	208	.....	85	278	144	.....
4. Not sufficient residence.....	1	1	.....	3	.....	2	.....	2	4	4	.....
5. Unable to prove residence.....			1	1	.....			3			.....
6. Transferred property.....	6				.....			7			.....
7. War veterans allowance.....	2	1	1	8	.....	10	.....	2	7	11	.....
8. Refused information.....	7	2	.....	4	.....	2	.....	3	1	5	.....
9. Assistance private source.....				1	.....	4	.....	2		1	.....
10. Entitled to support.....				4	.....	4	.....	1			.....
11. Whereabouts unknown.....		3			.....						.....
12. Old Age Security.....	21	51	9	42	.....	16	.....	11	7	43	.....
13. Blind Persons Act.....					.....						.....

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont. *	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.
1. Withdrawn.....	21	77	7	47	.....	8	.....	14	71	74	.....
2. Died before grant.....	22	50	22	21	.....	15	.....	3	20	39	.....

* Information not furnished.

RECIPIENTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont. *	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.
Single.....	680	1,651	461	685	.....	757	.....	134	4,095	761	.....
Married couples.....	365	339	154	311	.....	208	.....	31	3,342	390	.....

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

SINGLE

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.				
Less than \$ 500	64	37	22	49	220	12	162	109	278	492	199	255	79	4	879	140	21	11	12	30	238	14	31	21	11	12	30	238	14	31	21	11	12	30	238	14	31
\$ 501 - 1,000	73	88	14	62	133	5	130	72	67	48	27	57	29	29	366	36	49	49	17	68	65	2	53	49	49	17	68	65	2	53	56	29	59	29	59	29	
1,001 - 1,500	30	70	7	22	11	10	45	29	19	12	3	16	5	1	9	5	54	50	4	57	30	2	29	54	50	4	57	30	2	29	50	10	29	10	29	10	
1,501 - 2,000	19	38	2	20	3	10	36	12	11	7	3	10	...	...	6	6	18	41	3	53	11	...	36	18	41	3	53	11	...	36	22	36	22	36	22
2,001 - 3,000	12	15	1	5	3	4	31	12	3	4	1	2	...	...	4	4	25	17	...	28	2	...	10	7	17	...	28	2	...	10	10	10	10	10	10
3,001 - 4,000	1	3	1	3	...	1	10	3	1	1	1	2	...	...	2	1	7	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4,001 - 5,000	1	1	...	...	...	4	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5,001 - 6,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6,001 - 7,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7,001 - 8,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8,001 - 9,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9,001 - 10,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Over 10,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

MARRIED COUPLES

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL												
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	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.
Less than \$ 500	88	25	31	76	216	11	381	128	104	147	80	174	26	1	876	68	15	10	31	34	147	...	11	...	13	...	119	...	13	...	162	37	...
\$ 501 - 1,000	141	95	20	96	59	17	384	155	46	36	7	42	13	144	10	66	70	43	121	119	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1,001 - 1,500	30	32	8	51	9	11	222	53	23	18	7	15	4	3	36	5	86	79	25	145	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1,501 - 2,000	10	20	2	33	4	3	11	10	11	4	...	...	...	...	15	1	72	101	17	76	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2,001 - 3,000	24	39	2	16	113	11	11	4	2	20	5	73	111	2	174	22
3,001 - 4,000	5	8	1	2	2	...	54	3	2	1	1	2	1	...	6	1	25	93	5	145	6
4,001 - 5,000	2	4	15	2	1	...	52	93	5	145	6
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FISCAL YEAR 1952-53

1. Progress of New Plan

The payment of old age assistance to persons sixty-five years of age and over commenced on January 1, 1952, in all parts of Canada except the Province of Newfoundland and the Yukon Territory where the commencement date was April 1, 1952.

In respect to the Yukon Territory, while the agreement was in effect throughout the year, no payments were actually made out of the federal treasury to the territorial authorities as no request for reimbursement was received from them.

At the time The Joint Committee of The Senate and House of Commons on Old Age Security made its report in 1950, it was estimated that the total yearly cost of old age assistance would be about \$64,000,000, the federal government and the provinces each paying \$32,000,000. After the Act had been in operation for several months it was apparent that this estimate was too high. In the estimates presented to Parliament for the fiscal year 1952-53, the federal share of old age assistance was estimated at \$20,000,000. The actual federal expenditure for 1952-53 was \$19,128,837.37. The provinces would, of course, pay the same amount as their share.

In the Committee's report it had been mentioned that the estimated cost to the provinces of their share of old age assistance amounting to \$32,000,000 would be slightly less than their share of pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act. During the calendar year 1951 the federal government's contributions for pensions, excluding pensions in respect of blindness, amounted to \$102,706,225.60. The provinces' share, calculated as one-third of the federal share, would be \$34,235,000. While the provinces' share of old age assistance was substantially less than their share of pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act it appears that some provinces, for one reason or another, have benefited more than others. The ratio of recipients under The Old Age Assistance Act to persons in the age group 65 to 69 in each province as at March 31, 1953, shown on page 9 of this report, is listed below along with the ratio of pensioners under the Old Age Pensions Act to persons over the age of 70 years as at December 31, 1951.

	Old Age Assistance Act— Percentage of population 65 to 69 years of age receiving assistance March 31, 1953	Old Age Pensions Act— Percentage of population 70 years and over receiving pensions Dec. 31, 1951
Alberta.....	15.73	48.57
British Columbia.....	14.61	46.17
Manitoba.....	16.00	45.91
New Brunswick.....	38.09	72.21
Newfoundland.....	55.97	86.41
Nova Scotia.....	24.56	59.28
Ontario.....	12.98	37.26
Prince Edward Island.....	16.70	52.03
Quebec.....	32.03	54.58
Saskatchewan.....	14.50	45.17
Northwest Territories.....	33.14	12.02
Yukon Territory.....	—	25.91

There are several factors which apparently account for the lower percentage receiving old age assistance than received pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act. Availability of employment and capability of continuing work are undoubtedly the most important. Even among those who qualify a considerable number are earning and others begin to earn after being granted assistance.

While it is difficult to state with certainty what effect old age security at 70 has on the planning of persons approaching that age, it seems reasonable to assume that a fairly large number may prefer to wait until they receive their old age security pension rather than make application for assistance subject to an eligibility test. There is also the possibility that some have the impression that two applications are necessary. This, of course, is not the case as a recipient of old age assistance on reaching 70 may agree to a transfer to old age security. Transfers to old age security obviously have the effect of keeping down the number of recipients of assistance. During the fiscal year 1952-53 the number transferred was 13,534. The number transferred in each province is shown on page 11.

2. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

Early in 1953, the federal government entered into an agreement with the Yukon Territory, effective April 1, 1952. The maximum assistance specified in the agreement is \$40 a month and the amounts of maximum income allowed, including assistance, are the amounts set forth in The Old Age Assistance Act. Assistance is payable to persons who have attained the age of sixty-five years. The agreement does not specify any condition of eligibility in addition to those contained in the Act.

The agreements made by the federal government with the provinces and the Northwest Territories in 1952 continued in force throughout the fiscal year 1952-53.

There was a change in provincial legislation affecting the terms of the agreement with the Province of Alberta. In its original agreement, the Province had limited the granting of assistance to persons over the age of sixty-five years who had not attained the age of seventy years. The federal Act provides that a province, in its agreement, shall, among other things, "specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law". As The Old Age Assistance Act of Alberta, assented to April 10, 1952, did not specifically restrict the granting of assistance to persons who had attained the age of sixty-five years but had not attained the age of seventy years, it was necessary for the Province to amend its legislation in order to give validity to the condition that it had stipulated for inclusion in its agreement. The Act was amended by Chapter 86, Statutes of Alberta, 1953, assented to March 31, 1953, which provides that "Assistance may be paid in accordance with the agreement made under subsection (1) to a person who, at the date of the proposed commencement of payment to him, has attained the age of sixty-five years but has not attained the age of seventy years". Chapter 86 also provides that assistance may be paid for the month in which a person attained the age of seventy years. The amending Act came into force on April 1, 1953. A new agreement was made following the change in Alberta legislation.

3. Administration—Federal

There were no changes in the plan for the federal administration of old age assistance during the fiscal year 1952-53. Examiners attached to the Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare carry on a continuous examination of decisions made by provincial authorities. Provincial accounts in connection with assistance are

checked in Ottawa, the provinces furnishing the Division with copies of their accounting records. Transfers from old age assistance to old age security are, as a general rule, referred by the provincial authorities to the resident federal examiners for certification.

4. Administration—Provincial

The provinces and territories deal directly with applicants through an official or a board known as the "provincial authority". The provincial authorities originally provided for in provincial and territorial legislation continued to function throughout the fiscal year 1952-53. In Ontario, Prince Edward Island, the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories, a director acts as the provincial authority. The other eight provinces have appointed boards, the one in Quebec being referred to as a commission.

The following is a list of provincial government departments under which old age assistance is administered, with the names of officials and provincial authorities as of March 31, 1953.

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.
Minister—Honourable L. C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer—A. C. McCully, Chairman, The Old Age Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.
Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.
Deputy Minister—E. W. Griffith, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.
Chief Officer—J. H. Creighton, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.
Minister—Honourable F. C. Bell, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—K.O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.
Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.
Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.
Chief Medical Officer—J. A. Melanson, Department of Health and Social Services.
Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.
Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.
Minister—Honourable H. L. Pottle, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.
Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister—Honourable Harold Connolly, Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of of Public Welfare, Toronto.
Minister—Honourable W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.
Chief Officer—M. Borezak, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Charlottetown.
Minister—Honourable A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.
Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.
Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.
Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.
Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.
Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.
Minister—Honourable John H. Sturdy, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Provincial Authority—Social Welfare Board, Regina.
Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Department—Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa.
Commissioner—H. A. Young, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.
Provincial Authority—F. J. G. Cunningham, Director of Old Age Assistance, Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—W. G. Brown, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.
Provincial Authority—W. A. Wardrop, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

5. Advisory Board and Regulations

There were no amendments during the fiscal year to the original regulations made under The Old Age Assistance Act nor did the Advisory Board meet to consider any changes.

6. Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions

While regular federal contributions to the provinces under the Old Age Pensions Act ceased on December 31, 1951, various items involving both payments to the provinces and refunds to the federal government were dealt with after that date. The total of the federal government's contributions for old age pensions, excluding pensions in respect of blindness, from the inception of the Act to March 31, 1952, was \$811,211,333.41. During the fiscal year 1952-53 this amount was reduced to \$811,009,885.40, refunds received from the provinces exceeding federal contributions as shown by the following statement —

Province	Federal contributions to March 31, 1952	Federal contributions 1952-53	Refunds 1952-53	Federal contributions to March 31, 1953
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Alberta.....	49,503,609 17	412 74	25,222 60	49,478,799 31
British Columbia.....	75,602,422 28	3,292 41	73,503 32	75,532,211 37
Manitoba.....	57,451,226 76	1,590 77	19,982 77	57,432,834 76
New Brunswick.....	41,420,620 65	622 86	1,013 53	41,420,229 98
Newfoundland.....	9,143,283 27	1,437 96	356 68	9,144,364 55
Nova Scotia.....	53,632,471 32	3,347 50	6,139 19	53,629,679 63
Ontario.....	276,581,983 49	4,364 21	63,522 06	276,522,820 64
Prince Edward Island.....	6,545,666 90	—	2,690 99	6,542,975 91
Quebec.....	185,223,043 25	6,031 58	14,543 67	185,214,531 16
Saskatchewan.....	55,942,192 59	2,169 80	17,738 03	55,926,624 36
Northwest Territories.....	79,158 15	—	—	79,158 15
Yukon Territories.....	85,655 58	—	—	85,655 58
Total	811,211,333 41	23,269 83	224,717 84	811,009,885 40

7. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1953.

	Act (Federal) operative as from				
	Jan. 1, 1952*	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.....	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	4,789
Average monthly payment.....	\$ 36.96	\$ 37.56	\$ 38.03	\$ 36.83	\$ 33.49
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	3.07	4.39	3.45	2.68	2.09
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	15.73	14.61	16.00	38.09	24.55
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1952—March 31, 1953.....	\$ 967,948.46	\$1,701,854.47	\$1,036,021.86	\$1,113,921.31	\$ 893,059.70
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	1,111,999.82	1,964,522.74	1,142,711.37	1,279,558.87	988,733.15

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	Act (Federal) operative as from				
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.....	20,401	551	30,490	57	87,675
Average monthly payment.....	\$ 36.95	\$ 24.07	\$ 37.59	\$ 36.65	\$ 38.08
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	3.30	3.20	2.28	3.44	1.07
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	12.98	16.70	32.03	14.50	33.14
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1952—March 31, 1953.....	\$4,586,572.90	\$ 66,313.41	\$6,927,593.29	\$ 997,396.06	\$ 4,257.50
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	5,259,085.00	72,845.86	7,617,674.44	1,130,788.61	4,257.50

* Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1952, except Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory which are based on 1951 Census.

8. PROVINCIAL STATISTICAL DATA FURNISHED BY PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1952-53

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont. *	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.
Total.....	2,777	5,427	4,071	3,210	5,914	3,365	.....	351	24,282	2,834	59	.....
Male.....	1,321	2,503	1,734	1,560	2,866	1,511	.....	177	10,600	1,402	30	.....
Female.....	1,456	2,924	2,337	1,650	3,048	1,854	.....	174	13,682	1,432	29	.....
Married.....	1,318	2,376	1,967	1,831	3,723	1,577	.....	161	12,573	1,480	33	.....
Single.....	376	700	463	335	318	500	.....	72	2,589	305	.....	.....
Widower.....	191	360	343	213	545	253	.....	32	2,012	198	10	.....
Widow.....	695	1,190	1,042	645	1,286	842	.....	81	5,928	647	16	.....
Separated.....	164	717	220	179	42	181	.....	5	1,180	179	.....	.....
Divorced.....	33	84	36	7	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
Age 65.....	587	1,655	1,125	1,417	1,719	1,152	.....	82	9,912	1,079	14	.....
66.....	640	938	814	474	1,114	668	.....	71	4,658	509	9	.....
67.....	458	1,037	804	531	1,140	599	.....	59	4,172	510	8	.....
68.....	472	981	611	476	1,082	581	.....	69	3,712	458	15	.....
69.....	620	816	717	312	859	395	.....	70	1,828	278	13	.....
In cities.....	969	2,892	1,764	429	491	255	.....	50	10,004	673	.....	.....
In towns.....	623	333	536	303	819	684	.....	33	2,476	490	5	.....
In villages.....	341	773	1,267	141	4,604	1,663	.....	27	11,188	684	54	.....
On farms.....	844	1,429	504	2,337	.....	763	.....	241	614	987	.....	.....
Own homes.....	1,144	2,262	1,155	1,870	4,343	1,942	.....	194	6,487	1,427	59	.....
Rented houses or apts.....	364	1,077	630	308	118	265	.....	24	5,128	343	.....	.....
Children—relatives.....	476	956	1,588	882	1,381	851	.....	110	9,183	694	.....	.....
Rented rooms.....	605	962	546	45	6	221	.....	15	2,394	317	.....	.....
Public institutions.....	147	122	118	96	43	75	.....	7	.....	33	.....	.....
Private institutions.....	41	48	34	9	23	11	.....	1	1,090	20	.....	.....
Receives—												
Other pension.....	500	388	233	152	126	223	.....	1	1,226	196	.....	.....
Annuity.....	7	63	101	6	.....	3	.....	.....	149	98	.....	.....
Unemployment insurance.....	50	181	99	68	27	40	.....	.....	693	12	.....	.....

NUMBER PROVING AGE BY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont. *	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.
1. Certificate of birth.....	1,137	2,837	1,917	311	715	363	.....	163	1,317	1,284	.....	.....
2. Certificate of baptism.....	418	602	622	1,759	3,901	1,421	.....	110	21,920	375	59	.....
3. Census records alone.....	353	42	1,169	127	216	1,024	.....	58	148	377	.....	.....
4. Old Bible records.....	54	.....	58	5	41	208	.....	16	76	3	.....	.....
5. Other records.....	815	1,946	305	1,008	1,041	349	.....	4	821	795	.....	.....

* Information not furnished.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont. *	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.
1. Not 65.....	103	112	172	99	135	74		22	382	94		
2. Unable to prove age.....	3	61	14		23				30	8		
3. Too much income.....	231	323	207	315	153	315		55	1,747	244		
4. Not sufficient residence.....	4	7	6	1	4	6		4	15	2		
5. Unable to prove residence.....		3										
6. Transferred property.....	18		1	2				2	42	1		
7. War veterans allowance.....	1	2	3	12	2	4		11	59	3		
8. Refused information.....	42	26	17	1	2	3		1	53	24		
9. Assistance pri- vate source.....				13		8		1				
10. Entitled to support.....						1						
11. Whereabouts unknown.....	1	22								2		
12. Old Age Security.....	28	95	22	54	36	25		7	16	57		
13. Blind Persons Act.....			1					2	3			
14. Absent from Canada.....		1										

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont. *	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.
1. Withdrawn.....	53	176	63	52	5	35		24	173	96		
2. Died before grant	26	60	54	18	27	19		1	75	49		

* Information not furnished.

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.
April 1, 1952—												
March 31, 1953...	769	1,498	684	789	700	549	3,576	78	4,108	782	1	
From inception of The Old Age As- sistance Act.....	815	1,571	700	805	700	550	3,629	79	4,175	805	1	

RECIPIENTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont. *	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.
Single.....	699	1,622	991	553	724	921		91	6,802	264		
Married couples.....	295	494	540	192	297	242		26	4,032	150		

* Information not furnished.

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

SINGLE

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	N.Hd.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	N.Hd.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	N.Hd.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	
Less than \$ 500.	44	73	96	57	377	328	296	211	88	26	282	539	474	214	211	154	22	2498	188	21	95	58	27	148	32	16	19	153	70	43	60	56	45	13	100	57	71
\$ 501	33	61	46	29	61	213	213	120	76	34	153	85	33	21	59	7	234	50	2	24	78	34	44	150	70	19	19	153	70	43	60	56	45	13	100	57	71
1,000	16	26	20	15	27	55	9	74	13	20	103	18	5	4	9	2	7	216	29	39	77	43	60	56	45	13	100	57	71	43	60	56	45	13	100	57	71
1,501	2	10	39	15	27	55	9	74	13	20	103	18	5	4	9	2	7	216	29	39	77	43	60	56	45	13	100	57	71	43	60	56	45	13	100	57	71
2,001	2	10	39	15	27	55	9	74	13	20	103	18	5	4	9	2	7	216	29	39	77	43	60	56	45	13	100	57	71	43	60	56	45	13	100	57	71
2,501	12	27	67	12	23	5	7	94	18	2	20	10	16	2	4	5	82	7	34	2	50	79	32	59	19	4	177	32	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	
3,001	5	21	4	2	7	1	1	65	9	2	2	7	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
3,501	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
4,001	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
4,501	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
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5,501	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6,001	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6,501	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
7,001	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
7,501	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
8,001	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
8,501	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9,001	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9,501	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
10,001	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
ver 10,000	1	2	2	2	17	2	1	23	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34	2	3	1	24	12	2	17	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

MARRIED COUPLES

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* Information not furnished.

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MARCH 31, 1954

EDMOND CLOUTIER, C.M.G., O.A., D.S.P.
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OTTAWA, 1954

*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor
General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1954, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PAUL MARTIN,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1954.

The Honourable PAUL MARTIN,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1954, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,
Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1954.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

FISCAL YEAR 1953-54

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

Old age assistance was paid in all parts of Canada during the fiscal year 1953-54. The provincial authorities approved 30,416 applications within the twelve month period. Applications either not completed or declined numbered 5,530. The number of recipients who reached the age of seventy years and became eligible to receive federal old age security was 18,392. Federal expenditure for 1953-54 was \$20,288,152.60 and the number of recipients as at March 31, 1954 was 93,273.

The increase in federal expenditure for the fiscal year 1953-54 over the expenditure for 1952-53, amounting to \$19,128,837.37, was \$1,159,315.23. This would mean an increase in total expenditure, federal and provincial, of approximately \$2,320,000. The total expenditure of about \$40,600,000 for 1953-54 was still considerably less than the amount of \$64,000,000 estimated at the time the parliamentary committee on old age security made its recommendations which included provision for old age assistance to persons 65 to 69 years of age.

There are undoubtedly a number of factors that must be considered in attempting to decide why the demand for old age assistance has not reached the level anticipated in 1950. The estimated number of persons 65 to 69 years of age as at June 1, 1953 was 444,600. With approximately 21 per cent of this number receiving assistance it seems that, up to the present at least, the need for financial aid within this group has not been as great as was expected. Reasonably good opportunities for employment may have made it unnecessary for many to apply for assistance until they were considerably more than 65 years of age. However, statistics prepared by the provinces for new applications approved indicate that a higher proportion of applications are now being made at the age of 65. Of the total number of 52,290 applications approved in 1952-53 for which statistical information is available, there were 18,742 made by persons age 65. For the fiscal year 1953-54 there were 17,938 out of a total of 30,416.

Available figures for all ages since January 1, 1952 are as follows—

<i>Age at date of application</i>	<i>1951-52⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>1952-53⁽²⁾</i>	<i>1953-54</i>
65	5,465	18,742	17,938
66	5,888	9,895	4,143
67	6,467	9,288	3,323
68	6,390	8,457	2,870
69	5,134	5,908	2,142
Total	29,344	52,290	30,416

⁽¹⁾ For three months January 1 to March 31, 1952, Ontario figures not reported. Newfoundland and Yukon Territory not in scheme until April 1, 1952.

⁽²⁾ Ontario figures not reported.

With the Old Age Assistance Act in operation for only two years and a quarter it is obviously difficult to draw definite conclusions from provincial statistics. It could be expected that the numbers applying after 65 would be greater in the first year or so than later. The higher proportion of applications at the age of 65 in 1953-54 could mean that persons in the age group 65 to 69 were finding it more difficult to obtain employment or to continue in employment. However, a comparison of the figures for 1953-54 with those for 1951-52 and 1952-53 is not sufficient to prove that this is so.

What is of definite significance in connection with the expenditure for old age assistance is the number of cases transferred to old age security. From January 1, 1952 to March 31, 1954, there were 32,222 persons transferred from provincial to federal administration. This number, which seems large compared to the total number of recipients, must be explained by the fairly high proportion of persons nearing 70 in the original group of applicants whose applications were dealt with in the fiscal years 1951-52 and 1952-53. Had the distribution for these two years been anything like that for 1953-54 the number of transfers would have been much smaller for at least the first four years. The indications are that transfers to old age security will not decrease and that within a few years they will increase. The removal from the old age assistance rolls each year of a substantial proportion of the recipients must have the effect of holding down expenditure.

2. *Agreements with Provinces and Territories*

There were no changes during the fiscal year 1953-54 in the agreements made by the federal government with the ten provinces and the two territories. All agreements, except the one with Newfoundland, provide for the payment of a maximum amount of assistance of \$480 a year. The amount stipulated in the agreement with Newfoundland is \$360 a year. The amounts of maximum income allowed, including assistance, are the same in all agreements being the amounts specified in the Old Age Assistance Act.

3. *Administration—Federal*

There were no changes in federal administration during the fiscal year, a continuous examination of the decisions of the provincial authorities being made by examiners stationed in the provinces with an audit of provincial accounts made at Ottawa. The purpose of both the examination and the audit is to establish the amount owed each month to the provinces by the federal government.

4. *Administration—Provincial*

There were no changes during the fiscal year in the provincial authorities appointed by the provincial governments to administer old age assistance. The following is a list of provincial government departments under which old age assistance is administered with the names of officials and provincial authorities as at March 31, 1954.

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.
Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer—A. C. McCully, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.
Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.
Deputy Minister—E. W. Griffith, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.
Chief Officer—J. H. Creighton, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable F. C. Bell, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Chief Medical Officer—J. A. Melanson, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable H. L. Pottle, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable Harold Connolly, Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Boreczak, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable B. Earle MacDonald, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable John H. Sturdy, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Social Welfare Board, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Department—Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Provincial Authority—F. J. G. Cunningham, Director of Old Age Assistance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—W. G. Brown, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Provincial Authority—W. A. Wardrop, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

5. *Advisory Board and Regulations*

The Advisory Board met in Ottawa on January 25th and 26th, 1954, to consider a number of proposed amendments to the Old Age Assistance Regulations. Prior to the meeting of the Board, federal and provincial administrative officers held discussions on the details of administration with a view to obtaining greater uniformity.

As at March 31, 1954, the amendments recommended by the Advisory Board had not been made.

Following consideration of the Old Age Assistance Regulations, members of the Board, along with other federal and provincial officials, discussed a number of matters relating to the payment of allowances for disabled persons, announced in the Speech from the Throne on November 12, 1953. The reference to such allowances was as follows—

“As further steps in helping to improve social welfare, co-ordinated plans for rehabilitation of disabled persons are being worked out with the provinces and a measure to facilitate the establishment nationwide of a federal-provincial assistance program for totally disabled persons will be submitted for your consideration”.

The purpose of the discussions was to allow federal and provincial authorities to exchange views prior to the enactment of legislation.

6. *Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions*

Section 13(2) of the Old Age Security Act provides for the repeal of the Old Age Pensions Act on a day to be fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council. By Order in Council P.C. 1954-341, dated March 10, 1954, the Governor in Council ordered that the Act be repealed by proclamation as of March 31, 1954. The text of the proclamation was as follows—

VINCENT MASSEY
(L.S.)

CANADA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

To All To Whom these Presents shall come or whom the same may in anywise concern,

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

F. P. VARCOE,
Deputy Attorney General,
Canada.

WHEREAS subsection two of section thirteen of The Old Age Security Act, Chapter 18 of the Statutes of Canada,

1951 (Second Session), provides that the Old Age Pensions Act shall be repealed on and from a day to be fixed by proclamation of Our Governor in Council.

And Whereas it is desirable that the said Old Age Pensions Act be repealed effective March 31, 1954.

Now Know Ye that by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada We do hereby proclaim and direct that the said Act shall be repealed upon, from and after the thirty-first day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

Of All Which Our Loving Subjects and all others whom these Presents may concern are hereby required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. Witness: Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor, Vincent Massey, Member of Our Order of the Companions of Honour, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

At Our Government House, in Our City of Ottawa, this Thirty-first day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four and in the Third year of Our Reign.

By Command,

C. STEIN,
Under Secretary of State.

The total expenditure under the Old Age Pensions Act for pensions, other than pensions in respect of blindness, decreased from \$811,009,885.40 as at March 31, 1953, to \$810,948,656.82 as at March 31, 1954. The transactions during the year in each province are shown in the following statement—

Province	Federal contributions to March 31, 1953	Federal contributions 1953-54	Refunds 1953-54	Federal contributions to March 31, 1954
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Alberta.....	49,478,799 31	—	4,411 61	49,474,387 70
British Columbia.....	75,532,211 37	305 23	28,759 78	75,503,756 82
Manitoba.....	57,432,834 76	90 00	970 15	57,431,954 61
New Brunswick.....	41,420,229 98	90 00	390 00	41,419,929 98
Newfoundland.....	9,144,364 55	—	—	9,144,364 55
Nova Scotia.....	53,629,679 63	20 57	1,243 02	53,628,457 18
Ontario.....	276,522,820 64	551 92	19,190 32	276,504,182 24
Prince Edward Island.....	6,542,975 91	—	—	6,542,975 91
Quebec.....	185,214,531 16	87 87	2,344 94	185,212,274 09
Saskatchewan.....	55,926,624 36	170 32	5,204 67	55,921,590 01
Northwest Territories.....	79,158 15	—	—	79,158 15
Yukon Territory.....	85,655 58	—	30 00	85,625 58
Total.....	811,009,885 40	1,315 91	62,544 49	810,948,656 82

7. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1954.

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
	Act (Federal) operative as from					
Number of recipients.....	5,014	8,144		5,756	5,124	5,173
Average monthly payment.....	\$ 36.60	\$ 37.72	\$ 4,838	\$ 36.93	\$ 29.21	\$ 33.47
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	2.98	4.29	3.46	2.69	2.38	2.94
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	16.77	15.42	17.28	39.97	56.31	26.53
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1953—March 31, 1954.....	\$1,107,190.01	\$1,863,051.68	\$1,112,322.18	\$1,248,339.19	\$ 896,428.59	\$1,028,756.25
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	2,219,189.83	3,827,574.42	2,255,033.55	2,527,898.06	1,730,327.09	2,017,489.40

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
	Act (Federal) operative as from						
Number of recipients.....	21,587	594	32,391	4,584	64	4	93,273
Average monthly payment.....	\$ 36.83	\$ 25.88	\$ 37.50	\$ 36.71	\$ 38.40	\$ 40.00	.....
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	3.27	3.21	2.29	3.40	1.07	2.04	.....
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	13.49	17.47	33.12	15.65	37.21	2.15	.....
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1953—March 31, 1954.....	\$4,726,152.91	\$ 85,985.94	\$7,187,259.43	\$1,017,535.28	\$ 14,251.14	\$ 880.00	\$20,288,152.60
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	9,985,237.91	158,831.80	14,804,933.87	2,148,323.89	18,508.64	880.00	41,694,228.46

* Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1953, except Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory which are based on 1951 Census.

8. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1953-54

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total.....	1,740	2,794	1,746	1,753	1,364	1,590	7,618	195	9,923	1,667	22	4	30,416
Male.....	863	1,352	812	882	644	736	3,196	99	4,597	814	14	3	14,012
Female.....	877	1,442	934	871	720	854	4,422	96	5,326	853	8	1	16,404
Married.....	835	1,140	806	1,039	906	765	3,140	89	5,431	906	9	.....	15,066
Single.....	221	394	305	183	85	227	1,129	44	1,127	154	.....	2	3,871
Widower.....	140	202	131	115	96	101	530	16	665	119	4	1	2,120
Widow.....	390	633	393	320	267	377	2,097	36	2,134	371	7	1	7,026
Separated.....	141	386	100	94	10	111	684	10	566	112	2	.....	2,216
Divorced.....	13	39	11	2	.....	9	38	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	117
Age 65.....	765	1,378	961	1,189	1,051	945	3,870	82	6,775	916	5	1	17,938
66.....	283	419	215	193	125	225	1,186	31	1,235	224	7	.....	4,143
67.....	221	365	247	149	68	182	959	29	875	222	4	2	3,323
68.....	234	374	190	142	76	148	850	26	646	180	3	1	2,870
69.....	237	258	133	80	44	90	753	27	392	125	3	.....	2,142
In cities.....	586	1,616	784	260	137	120	3,607	37	3,918	365	.....	3	11,433
In towns.....	464	252	223	203	176	372	1,356	20	1,235	266	3	1	4,571
In villages.....	195	382	462	126	1,051	817	1,669	23	4,320	332	19	.....	9,396
On farms.....	495	544	277	1,164	.....	281	986	115	450	704	.....	.....	5,016
Own homes.....	804	1,102	624	1,030	1,091	968	2,792	112	3,117	809	14	3	12,466
Rented houses or apts.....	240	526	160	207	20	109	1,066	13	2,133	180	.....	.....	4,654
Children—relatives.....	241	479	552	449	226	361	2,046	48	3,277	506	4	1	8,190
Rented rooms.....	359	612	231	26	2	105	1,088	8	845	147	3	.....	3,426
Public institutions.....	87	65	170	29	20	39	573	13	109	18	1	.....	1,124
Private institutions.....	9	10	9	12	5	8	53	1	442	7	.....	.....	556
Receives— Other pension.....	189	175	105	77	40	94	578	3	458	116	1	.....	1,836
Annuity.....	6	24	44	2	.....	2	93	.....	51	17	3	.....	242
Unemployment insurance.....	30	128	39	46	35	56	388	4	550	8	.....	.....	1,284

NUMBER PROVING AGE BY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
1. Certificate of birth.....	761	1,507	732	285	74	206	3,905	81	502	584	.....	2	8,639
2. Certificate of baptism.....	242	311	284	942	1,022	731	1,764	65	8,611	241	21	1	14,235
3. Census records alone.....	47	8	617	16	125	438	900	44	69	69	.....	.....	2,333
4. Old Bible records.....	18	.....	32	4	14	27	62	2	20	.....	.....	.....	179
5. Other records.....	672	968	81	506	129	183	987	3	721	773	1	1	5,030

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
1. Not 65.....	59	56	64	72	.....	67	239	9	210	145	.....	.....	921
2. Unable to prove age.....	5	36	.....	.....	.....	1	29	1	34	.....	.....	.....	106
3. Too much income.....	164	125	89	167	23	246	934	42	870	209	1	1	2,871
4. Not sufficient residence.....	3	4	7	2	.....	.....	14	.....	8	6	.....	.....	44
5. Unable to prove residence.....	1	3	2	.....	.....	1	12	1	6	1	.....	.....	27
6. Transferred property.....	15	1	.....	.....	1	2	19	7	28	1	.....	.....	74
7. War veterans allowance.....	.....	5	5	5	.....	3	43	23	15	1	.....	.....	100
8. Refused information.....	47	16	16	4	1	6	32	.....	34	23	.....	.....	179
9. Assistance private source.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	7
10. Blind Persons Act.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
11. Whereabouts unknown.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
12. Old Age Security.....	51	33	24	31	1	9	8	8	8	49	.....	.....	222
13. Entitled to support.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
14. Over 70 years.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	52

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
1. Withdrawn.....	27	59	25	25	2	18	281	15	85	67	.....	.....	604
2. Died before grant	13	15	16	14	4	14	121	.....	32	39	.....	.....	268

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
April 1, 1953—													
March 31, 1954....	1,078	1,851	1,015	1,103	1,029	937	4,689	127	5,605	943	15	.....	18,392
From inception of the Old Age Assistance Act....	1,893	3,422	1,715	1,908	1,729	1,487	8,318	206	9,780	1,748	16	.....	32,222

RECIPIENTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Single.....	369	866	443	266	150	433	2,258	44	2,443	290	2	1	7,565
Married couples.....	146	194	147	101	53	104	883	19	1,468	163	4	.....	3,282

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

SINGLE

[illegible]

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

MARRIED COUPLES

[illegible]

9. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta		British Columbia		Manitoba		New Brunswick		Newfoundland		Nova Scotia		Ontario		Prince Edward Island		Quebec		Saskatchewan		Northwest Territories		Yukon Territory		Total	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1951-52.....	144,051	36	262,665	27	106,689	51	165,637	56	.....	.....	95,673	45	672,512	10	6,532	45	690,081	24	133,392	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,277,238	49
1952-53.....	967,948	46	1,701,854	47	1,036,021	86	1,113,921	31	833,898	50	893,059	70	4,586,572	90	66,313	41	6,927,503	20	997,306	06	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,128,837	37
1953-54.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April 1953.....	89,325	01	152,638	27	90,074	36	100,291	75	74,751	17	82,376	51	392,167	66	6,843	07	598,579	78	79,064	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,667,151	43
May 1953.....	90,478	77	152,167	68	89,909	76	101,651	46	74,306	16	83,581	90	390,058	01	6,648	46	590,667	04	82,751	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,663,358	94
June 1953.....	90,863	65	154,602	63	89,740	74	102,600	68	74,664	44	85,151	85	381,267	45	6,783	32	591,281	19	82,053	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	320 00	1,660,400 24
July 1953.....	90,570	66	153,383	30	91,220	24	103,737	29	73,886	81	84,736	75	383,804	55	6,697	91	597,400	52	85,204	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,671,793	19
August 1953.....	91,403	77	153,730	22	92,243	75	103,928	68	73,590	93	85,978	88	394,768	89	6,789	70	592,789	94	84,291	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	1,680,677 72
September 1953.....	92,641	29	155,399	86	95,190	11	104,313	42	75,484	58	86,090	15	402,310	86	7,115	66	595,641	15	83,906	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	1,699,264 87
October 1953.....	91,307	30	154,516	93	94,341	30	104,828	94	74,180	69	87,267	33	385,963	94	7,358	76	598,852	74	88,373	66	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	1,688,232 59
November 1953.....	93,914	77	157,262	27	93,876	80	104,783	23	75,073	02	87,123	93	397,818	93	7,610	22	601,030	90	84,792	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	1,704,559 84
December 1953.....	95,182	24	157,445	12	93,787	90	104,985	59	74,880	95	86,615	80	401,587	41	7,644	78	590,187	37	84,577	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	1,698,091 28
January 1954.....	93,536	20	157,110	06	93,687	94	105,580	74	75,476	27	85,956	98	402,263	32	7,553	27	606,818	75	87,188	71	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	1,716,520 72
February 1954.....	94,393	37	157,240	58	93,457	88	104,972	11	75,221	80	86,613	56	394,737	89	7,565	66	613,397	56	88,563	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	1,717,446 44
March 1954.....	93,602	08	157,654	76	94,791	40	106,665	30	74,911	77	87,272	61	399,434	00	7,395	13	610,612	49	86,798	29	140 00	1,720,565 34

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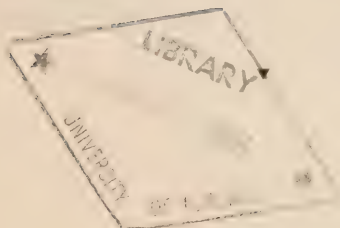
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*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor
General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1955, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PAUL MARTIN,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1955.

The Honourable PAUL MARTIN,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,
Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1955.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

FISCAL YEAR 1954-55

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

The ten provinces and the two territories paid old age assistance throughout the fiscal year 1954-55. The total number of new applications approved was 27,688. There were 5,034 applications either not completed or declined. The total number of new applications considered by the provincial authorities was, therefore, 32,722. During the twelve month period 20,987 recipients of old age assistance attained the age of seventy years and became federal pensioners under the Old Age Security Act. As at March 31, 1955, there were 94,625 recipients of assistance under the Old Age Assistance Act as compared with 93,273 as at March 31, 1954. Federal payments to the provinces during 1954-55 amounted to \$20,869,126.09 an increase over the amount for 1953-54 of \$580,973.49.

The moderate increase in federal expenditure for old age assistance which has been referred to in previous reports continued during the fiscal year 1954-55. As at March 31, 1954, approximately 21 per cent of the estimated population 65 to 69 years of age were recipients of assistance. As at March 31, 1955, the percentage was the same. The estimated number of persons 65 to 69 years of age as at June, 1954 was 448,400 as compared with the estimated number of 444,600 as at June 1, 1953.

As has been pointed out in previous reports the federal expenditure for old age assistance is materially affected by the number of recipients reaching the age of seventy years. Since the Old Age Assistance Act and the Old Age Security Act came into operation as at January 1, 1952, a total of 53,209 recipients under the former Act have become pensioners under the latter Act. During the fiscal year 1954-55 recipients of assistance removed from provincial paylists on account of the grant of pension under the Old Age Security Act represented approximately seventy-six per cent of new applicants granted assistance.

The following is a comparative summary of the operations during the fiscal years 1953-54 and 1954-55:

	1953-54	1954-55
Applications approved.....	30,416	27,688
Applications not completed or declined.....	5,530	5,034
Recipients of assistance qualifying for old age security....	18,392	20,987
Number of recipients at end of fiscal year.....	93,273	94,625
Federal payments to the provinces.....	\$20,288,152.60	\$20,869,126.09

More detailed statistical information may be found in Parts 7 to 10 of this report.

2. *Agreements with Provinces and Territories*

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and the territories shortly after the Old Age Assistance Act came into force, continued in operation during the fiscal year 1954-55. The Act requires the province to specify in its agreement the maximum assistance and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The maximum assistance specified in all agreements, except the one with Newfoundland, is \$480 a year. The amount stipulated in the Newfoundland agreement is \$360 a year. All agreements provide for the amounts of maximum income permitted by the Act.

The agreement with British Columbia was amended to clarify the province's procedure in dealing with income from certain sources, which, under the legislation, may be included or excluded according to the wishes of the province. The regulations require the province to specify in its agreement the items it wishes to exclude.

3. *Administration—Federal*

Federal administration is designed to assist the provinces with the administration of old age assistance and to verify amounts charged by the provinces to the federal government. Representatives of the Department of National Health and Welfare are stationed in eight of the ten provinces. An examination of the decisions of the provincial authorities is made in the provinces with an audit of accounts being made at Ottawa.

4. *Administration—Provincial*

Responsibility for the actual administration of old age assistance rests with the provincial authorities appointed by the provincial governments. A provincial authority may be either an officer, a board, or a commission. The following is a list of provincial government departments under which old age assistance is administered with the names of officials and provincial authorities as at March 31, 1955—

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.
Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.
Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.
Deputy Minister—C. W. Lundy, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.
Chief Officer—J. H. Creighton, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.
Minister—Honourable R. W. Bend, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.
Chief Officer—I. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.
Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.
Chief Welfare Officer—D. A. Stewart, Department of Health and Social Services.
Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.
Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.
Minister—Honourable H. L. Pottle, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.
Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister—Honourable Geoffrey Stevens, Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.
Minister—Honourable W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.
Chief Officer—M. Berczak, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Charlottetown.
Minister—Honourable B. Earle MacDonald, Minister of Health and Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.
Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.
Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.
Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.
Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.
Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.
Minister—Honourable John H. Sturdy, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.
Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Department—Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.
Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.
Provincial Authority—F. J. G. Cunningham, Director of Old Age Assistance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—W. G. Brown, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.
Provincial Authority—W. A. Wardrop, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

5. *Advisory Board and Regulations*

At a meeting in Ottawa on January 25th and 26th, 1954, the Advisory Board recommended a number of changes in the Old Age Assistance Regulations. As it was not possible at that time to consider regulations under the Disabled Persons Act it was decided to defer final decisions until such time as the regulations under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act could all be considered together. The reason for this was, of course, that many of the provisions of the regulations under the three Acts were the same or substantially the same.

The Advisory Board met again on September 20th and 21st, 1954, to deal with the regulations under the Disabled Persons Act. A number of additional recommendations affecting all three sets of regulations were made at this meeting. The Old Age Assistance Regulations as amended and revised by the Advisory Board were referred to the Governor in Council and were approved by Order

in Council P.C. 1955-48 of January 13th, 1955. They were published in the Canada Gazette on January 26, 1955. Following their publication the regulations were referred to all provinces for approval.

The following changes are made by the amendments to the regulations—

1. An applicant in an inaccessible place is allowed an additional two months in making application prior to reaching the age of sixty-five years.
2. The provincial authority is allowed an additional two months for investigating an application from a person living in an inaccessible area.
3. The provincial authority is required to make annual investigations in all cases where assistance is suspended on account of an overpayment.
4. The provincial authority is required to make a terminal investigation not more than three months prior to the date of the transfer of a recipient to old age security.
5. Where an applicant claims that he is unable to furnish a certificate of birth or baptism, the provincial authority must satisfy itself that such certificates are not obtainable.
6. Tribunals appointed under the authority of the regulations to decide upon the age of applicants for whom satisfactory documentary evidence is not obtainable must consist of disinterested persons and must see and interview the applicants. The decisions of tribunals are final but only when the procedure required by the regulations has been followed.
7. Persons temporarily absent from Canada under certain specified conditions may be deemed to have been present in Canada during such absence as well as being deemed to have resided in Canada.
8. Two additional groups of persons coming under item 7 are included—persons under 21 who were absent with a parent under any of the conditions specified in the regulations and persons temporarily absent from Canada who were unable to return to Canada on account of the dislocation of transportation during or immediately following the second world war.
9. The provincial authority is required to take into account in calculating income for the purpose of paying assistance any amount paid as an allowance under the Disabled Persons Act.
10. If so provided in the agreement made by a province with Canada, the provincial authority may, in calculating income for the purpose of paying assistance, disregard any amount paid by the province as supplemental allowance on account of a disabled persons allowance; also the income value as calculated under the regulations from any amount up to \$500 of the amount of the cash surrender value of life insurance available to the recipient or his spouse.
11. The income calculations on real and personal property are based on the amounts of property owned at the date of the proposed commencement of assistance rather than on the amounts owned at the date of application.
12. The provincial authority may recalculate the income value of personal property where the second spouse becomes a recipient; also where one spouse dies.
13. Where the recipient is receiving board or lodging or board and lodging for a nominal amount, the provincial authority may deduct from the amounts specified in the regulations, such nominal amount if satisfied that it is actually being paid.

14. Where a transfer of property is considered by the provincial authority to have been made for the purpose of qualifying the recipient or his spouse for assistance or for a higher amount of assistance, the income value of the property to be included in the income calculation is based on the value of the property as at the date of the proposed commencement of assistance rather than at the date of application.
15. Where there is an exchange of real property not wholly for cash, the face value of any mortgage receivable or agreement for sale and the income therefrom may be offset by the face value of any mortgage or agreement for sale and the interest payable thereon but the provincial authority must take into account any excess value or income receivable by the recipient.
16. The provincial authority may give retroactive effect to its decision granting assistance for any period up to four months instead of three months, provided the applicant is not responsible for the delay in granting assistance.
17. The provincial authority may reinstate assistance from a date not more than one month prior to the release of a recipient from jail where such recipient has served a sentence in excess of 30 days.
18. Where assistance is suspended at the request of the recipient a request for reinstatement as required by the regulations may be made either by the recipient or by some person on his behalf.

Order in Council P.C. 1955-48 dated January 13, 1955, brought the amended regulations into operation as of January 1, 1955. The Order in Council also revoked as of the same date the regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 6596, dated December 6, 1951.

6. *Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions*

During the fiscal year 1954-55 there were several transactions which affected the total federal expenditure under the Old Age Pensions Act for pensions other than pensions to blind persons. A number of uncashed cheques which pensioners were entitled to receive were revived and paid. A number of the provinces refunded to the federal government the federal share of amounts which they received. The transactions during the year are shown in the following statement—

Province	Federal contributions to March 31, 1954	Federal contributions 1954-55	Refunds 1954-55	Federal contributions to March 31, 1955
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Alberta.....	49,474,387 70	—	3,532 53	49,470,855 17
British Columbia.....	75,503,756 82	—	13,814 95	75,489,941 87
Manitoba.....	57,431,954 61	—	3 75	57,431,950 86
New Brunswick.....	41,419,929 98	—	84 75	41,419,845 23
Newfoundland.....	9,144,364 55	—	668 07	9,143,696 48
Nova Scotia.....	53,628,457 18	—	—	53,628,457 18
Ontario.....	276,504,182 24	414 26	2,830 98	276,501,765 52
Prince Edward Island.....	6,542,975 91	—	—	6,542,975 91
Quebec.....	185,212,274 09	—	574 84	185,211,699 25
Saskatchewan.....	55,921,590 01	—	664 57	55,920,925 44
Northwest Territories.....	79,158 15	—	—	79,158 15
Yukon Territory.....	85,625 58	—	—	85,625 58
Total.....	810,948,656 82	414 26	22,174 44	810,926,896 64

7. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1955.

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
	Act (Federal) operative as from					
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.....	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178
Average monthly payment.....	\$ 36.67	\$ 37.76	\$ 37.64	\$ 36.89	\$ 29.38	\$ 33.63
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population	2.91	4.12	3.41	2.67	2.31	2.90
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age	17.69	15.07	17.19	39.78	55.14	26.55
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1954—March 31, 1955.....	\$1,165,331.91	\$1,872,909.14	\$1,119,638.96	\$1,288,035.23	\$ 898,972.70	\$ 1,063,165.10
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	3,384,521.74	5,700,483.56	3,374,672.51	3,815,993.29	2,629,299.79	3,080,654.50

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Act (Federal) operative as from						
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients.....	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
Average monthly payment.....	\$ 36.86	\$ 27.54	\$ 37.48	\$ 37.22	\$ 38.11	\$ 38.41	
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	3.20	3.33	2.28	3.30	1.07	2.04	
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	13.65	17.49	32.88	16.73	52.33	6.45	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1954—March 31, 1955.....	\$4,558,692.93	\$ 98,531.00	\$7,392,922.60	\$1,089,704.15	\$ 18,941.89	\$ 2,220.48	\$20,869,126.09
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act..	14,943,930.84	257,362.80	22,197,856.47	3,238,028.04	37,450.53	3,100.48	62,563,354.55

*Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1954 except Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory which are based on 1951 Census.

8. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1954-55

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total.....	1,803	2,306	1,406	1,647	1,275	1,423	7,029	193	8,896	1,659	41	10	27,688
Male.....	910	1,135	683	792	630	647	3,090	90	4,000	854	23	4	12,858
Female.....	893	1,171	723	855	645	776	3,939	103	4,896	805	18	6	14,830
Married.....	845	924	716	925	869	654	3,014	76	4,718	934	24	4	13,703
Single.....	247	323	200	193	69	193	1,033	45	1,012	179	3	3	3,500
Widower.....	133	159	98	122	119	109	513	17	714	109	8	.....	2,101
Widow.....	424	461	294	315	203	360	1,776	47	1,908	328	6	3	6,125
Separated.....	139	386	86	90	15	97	640	6	544	94	.....	.....	2,097
Divorced.....	15	53	12	2	.....	10	53	2	.....	15	.....	.....	162
Age 65.....	911	1,161	787	1,171	1,018	899	3,636	76	6,514	782	14	.....	16,969
66.....	304	390	178	190	106	193	1,191	38	852	331	11	3	3,787
67.....	222	287	191	125	68	127	864	28	748	220	7	1	2,888
68.....	200	266	137	106	49	131	747	24	572	152	4	3	2,391
69.....	166	202	113	55	34	73	591	27	210	174	5	3	1,653
In cities.....	699	1,324	575	280	85	117	3,279	38	3,786	340	.....	6	10,529
In towns.....	414	167	168	173	171	363	1,307	22	931	315	7	3	4,041
In villages.....	283	379	441	87	1,019	686	1,584	29	3,794	347	34	1	8,684
On farms.....	407	436	222	1,107	.....	257	859	104	385	657	.....	.....	4,434
Own homes.....	847	967	563	972	1,051	821	2,758	109	2,720	968	15	6	11,797
Rented houses or apts.....	209	412	83	173	15	98	1,002	23	2,074	162	.....	3	4,254
Children—relatives.....	94	359	485	397	191	409	1,726	42	2,863	382	23	.....	6,971
Rented rooms.....	603	527	207	50	1	55	989	4	886	105	3	1	3,431
Public institutions.....	44	23	64	50	16	37	517	14	275	30	.....	.....	1,070
Private institutions.....	6	18	4	5	1	3	37	1	78	12	.....	.....	165
Number receiving regular annual income from—													
Pension other than under Old Age Assistance Act..	90	120	70	63	42	76	370	5	450	28	.....	1	1,315
Annuity of any kind.....	33	20	6	1	.....	10	61	1	65	18	3	.....	218
Spouses in receipt of old age se- curity.....	199	286	217	243	186	175	677	22	808	212	2	1	3,028
Number receiving unemployment insurance.....	53	98	57	63	27	59	414	11	575	12	.....	.....	1,369

NUMBER PROVING AGE BY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
1. Certificate of birth.....	855	1,143	581	262	64	216	3,689	76	471	662	1	4	8,024
2. Certificate of baptism.....	207	301	252	882	916	645	1,678	83	7,596	276	26	2	12,864
3. Census records alone.....	42	.....	505	22	95	398	776	25	94	39	9	2	2,007
4. Old Bible records.....	17	.....	16	.....	2	.....	41	7	20	190	.....	.....	293
5. Other records.....	641	856	36	476	167	161	793	2	707	451	5	1	4,296
6. Tribunal.....	41	6	16	5	31	3	52	.....	8	41	.....	1	204

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
1. Not 65.....	53	59	72	67	50	79	240	27	187	147			98
2. Unable to prove age.....		15			11	1	1			1			2
3. Too much income.....	182	151	68	170	44	193	916	49	702	158		1	2,634
4. Not sufficient residence.....	5	1	1	9		5	13	1	15	7			5
5. Unable to prove residence.....		4				1	16			1			2
6. Transfer of property.....	15			1		1	5	1	13	1			3
7. War veterans' allowance.....	1	3	2	8		1	41	56	14	3			12
8. Refused information.....	27	26	9	1		4	17	2	31	5			12
9. Assistance private source.....	1			10			2						1
10. Blind Persons Act.....								6		1			7
11. Whereabouts unknown.....		12		1			24			4			4
12. Old age security.....	2	3	5	3	2	3	7	5	5	16			5
13. Entitled to support.....						1							1
14. Over 70 years....	25	21	7	21		8	15	4	5	1		1	108

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
1. Withdrawn.....	30	95	18	30		19	204	29	84	57			566
2. Died before grant	22	24	19	8	5	6	95	5	37	15			236

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
April 1, 1954—													
March 31, 1955....	1,202	2,081	1,168	1,284	1,071	1,181	5,065	147	6,675	1,096	16		120,987
From inception of the Old Age Assistance Act....	3,095	5,503	2,883	3,192	2,800	2,668	13,383	353	16,455	2,844	32		153,209

RECIPIENTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Single.....	403	680	324	269	131	345	1,914	50	2,262	273	11	2	6,664
Married couples....	131	137	139	77	38	136	807	13	1,370	166	13	4	3,031

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY SINGLE

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																	
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Less than \$ 500.	30	18	25	22	52	101	243	4	70	26	2	503	161	278	133	124	28	10	1,026	6	845	125	1	2,853	6	9	17	18	21	50	88	5	24	20	2	1	261	
\$ 500 - 1,000.	38	38	25	41	56	30	218	5	63	30	2	583	42	62	23	42	4	27	329	5	202	23	1	757	27	35	23	11	20	48	115	10	31	15	1	379		
1,001 - 1,500.	21	27	8	17	19	4	163	4	45	17	1	325	32	26	20	14	1	7	198	1	71	7	1	377	36	32	31	35	13	12	116	7	74	28	1	374		
1,501 - 2,000.	14	15	9	10	9	3	126	2	32	10	1	230	12	11	1	6	1	4	92	2	35	5	1	168	25	39	20	26	6	7	109	8	67	29	2	338		
2,001 - 3,000.	21	14	3	6	3	3	110	3	45	8	1	216	12	5	5	6	1	2	80	2	24	7	1	142	36	57	12	34	14	13	134	8	81	33	1	422		
3,001 - 4,000.	4	2	2	2	4	5	27	1	24	1	1	94	5	3	3	1	1	1	25	1	12	2	1	4	18	19	12	2	3	4	35	4	35	4	200			
4,001 - 5,000.	1	1	1	1	2	2	57	8	1	1	1	45	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	6	8	1	15	1	2	3	25	4	4	4	99				
5,001 - 6,000.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	7	1	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18		
6,001 - 7,000.	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	8	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	
7,001 - 8,000.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
8,001 - 9,000.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9,001 - 10,000.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Over 10,000.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY MARRIED COUPLES

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																	
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Less than \$ 500	33	10	23	27	108	108	332	5	131	33	1	157	55	90	90	17	8	65	810	846	51	1	2,081	9	5	21	9	37	79	68	1	45	30	6	2	312		
\$ 500 - 1,000	63	27	47	47	146	44	432	12	247	62	1	1,114	16	34	20	17	2	27	299	185	11	1	612	26	22	68	41	102	64	174	1	122	102	3	724			
1,001 - 1,500	42	24	35	32	81	4	323	14	175	40	1	770	11	8	9	10	16	170	1	136	12	1	272	48	55	63	69	71	39	174	2	233	99	1	914			
1,501 - 2,000	43	24	11	20	22	1	297	12	110	28	1	469	12	6	6	1	3	117	1	8	2	1	158	37	58	25	102	47	28	157	3	127	63	1	789			
2,001 - 3,000	32	22	5	21	13	1	243	8	123	23	1	491	12	3	7	2	3	131	1	8	5	1	173	59	94	27	147	47	21	177	3	343	96	1	1,114			
3,001 - 4,000	6	4	2	3	3	3	116	3	62	13	1	212	5	1	2	1	1	66	1	2	3	1	80	52	83	34	90	13	7	162	3	153	54	1	654			
4,001 - 5,000	6	4	2	3	3	3	116	3	62	13	1	212	5	1	2	1	1	66	1	2	3	1	80	52	83	34	90	13	7	162	3	153	54	1	654			
5,001 - 6,000	1	1	1	1	3	1	20	7	11	2	1	43	1	1	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	1	40	12	37	57	12	4	90	73	16	3	308					
6,001 - 7,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	8	2	1	1	16	2	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	20	8	23	4	23	6	71	40	15	2	190					
7,001 - 8,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	10	4	3	4	16	2	32	22	2	3	51					
8,001 - 9,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	2	1	9	1	14	19	1	1	16					
9,001 - 10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	2	1	10					
Over 10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	6					

9. Number of Recipients at End of Each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act.

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	.....	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	.....	.....	41,601
1952-53.....	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	.....	87,675
1953-54.....	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,584	64	4	93,273
1954-55.....	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625

10. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act.

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1951-52	141,051 36	262,065 27	106,680 51	165,637 56		95,073 45	672,512 10	6,532 45	600,081 24	133,302 55			2,277,288 49	
1952-53	567,058 46	1,701,854 47	1,036,021 86	1,113,921 31	833,895 50	893,059 70	4,586,572 90	66,313 41	6,927,593 20	997,366 03	4,257 50		10,128,837 37	
1953-54	1,107,160 01	1,867,051 68	1,112,322 18	1,248,339 19	806,428 59	1,028,756 25	4,726,152 91	85,985 94	7,187,259 43	1,017,535 28	14,251 11	880 00	20,298,432 60	
1954-55														
April 1954	95,057 49	153,710 56	93,302 05	107,074 00	74,777 39	87,451 81	398,886 38	7,809 77	615,284 00	87,674 13	1,228 91	140 00	1,724,478 51	
May 1954	93,746 42	157,021 38	93,130 87	106,811 83	74,903 07	88,380 75	401,042 76	7,893 58	615,854 00	90,109 08	1,393 38	135 00	1,730,425 72	
June 1954	95,774 25	157,020 43	93,871 91	107,507 15	74,702 00	88,380 36	407,100 01	8,081 22	610,505 87	89,476 91	1,293 20	155 00	1,731,031 34	
July 1954	96,041 41	159,125 14	93,329 16	108,599 04	71,083 38	89,213 66	400,024 42	8,023 19	611,103 48	89,370 62	1,513 20	135 00	1,774,781 73	
August 1954	96,140 52	159,875 72	93,596 76	107,292 69	74,200 01	89,571 92	404,467 95	8,246 11	611,143 13	89,234 40	1,372 20	235 00	1,738,797 58	
September 1954	97,867 89	156,967 54	93,629 86	106,087 87	75,073 00	89,400 25	405,087 31	8,290 70	621,033 48	88,839 80	1,397 95	175 00	1,744,517 01	
October 1954	96,321 16	156,242 36	92,612 15	107,712 30	75,739 46	89,341 27	405,404 96	8,383 86	612,922 00	91,082 26	1,568 33	175 00	1,738,245 17	
November 1954	98,479 56	157,276 57	93,978 06	106,612 55	75,185 80	89,421 24	408,473 78	8,298 11	619,637 98	92,771 41	2,080 41	175 00	1,753,609 47	
December 1954	99,245 63	157,063 15	93,346 18	107,051 58	75,023 67	88,746 34	409,830 07	8,448 17	607,055 03	91,401 70	1,800 41	215 00	1,739,186 93	
January 1955	96,208 86	152,270 76	93,559 27	108,113 55	75,271 61	88,246 47	407,941 32	8,437 01	627,426 91	92,789 01	1,609 79	235 00	1,755,557 42	
February 1955	98,087 7	151,175 38	93,102 35	108,120 62	71,806 84	87,914 67	405,572 41	8,291 97	623,862 30	92,710 71	1,882 26	245 00	1,747,800 40	
March 1955	99,761 68	151,511 92	93,151 60	107,034 27	71,544 88	87,099 41	406,418 03	8,316 28	623,228 67	94,353 01	1,753 79	230 48	1,751,251 90	
1955-56	1,166,221 12	1,871,347 19	1,120,702 46	1,288,710 85	809,041 20	1,061,097 15	4,800,999 43	98,571 00	7,405,390 48	1,000,415 22	18,956 84	2,229 48	20,880,687 47	
Deduct— Amounts Recovered on account of Overpayments	1,778 43	2,808 10	2,427 01	1,201 25	137 00	1,864 10	4,613 00		24,925 76	1,478 14	30 00		41,122 70	
Add— Amounts Paid on account of Provinces Account of Overpayments	889 29	1,434 95	1,003 51	645 67	68 50	932 05	2,305 50		12,467 88	739 07	15 00		29,561 41	
Total 1954-55	1,165,441 91	1,872,999 11	1,119,688 96	1,288,065 25	808,972 70	1,067,165 19	4,803,992 92	98,571 00	7,382,462 60	1,089,701 15	18,941 89	2,229 48	20,860,126 09	

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Under the Provisions of the
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT
Chapter 199, Revised Statutes
of Canada, 1952



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*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor
General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1956, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PAUL MARTIN,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1956.

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Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,
Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1956.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

FISCAL YEAR 1955-56

1. *Operations during the Fiscal Year*

Old age assistance was paid during the fiscal year 1955-56 by the ten provinces and the two territories. As at March 31, 1956, the number of recipients was 93,023. Federal payments to the provinces and the territories amounted to \$20,918,186.11.

The provincial and territorial authorities dealt with 30,509 new applications and of this number 25,820 were approved and 4,689 were either not completed or declined. A total of 21,931 recipients of old age assistance attained the age of seventy years during the fiscal year and became federal pensioners under the Old Age Security Act.

As at March 31, 1956, approximately 21 per cent of the estimated population 65 to 69 years of age was in receipt of old age assistance. The estimated number of persons 65 to 69 years of age as at June 1, 1955 was 450,700.

From January 1, 1952, the date on which the Old Age Assistance Act came into operation, to March 31, 1956, federal payments to the provinces and the territories have totalled \$83,481,540.66. In the same period 75,140 recipients were granted federal old age pensions.

The following is a comparative summary of the operations under the Act for the last three fiscal years—

	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Applications approved.....	30,416	27,688	25,820
Applications not completed or declined....	5,530	5,034	4,689
Recipients of assistance qualifying for old age security.....	18,392	20,987	21,931
Number of recipients at end of fiscal year..	93,273	94,625	93,023
Federal payments to the provinces.....	\$20,288,152 60	\$20,869,126 09	\$20,918,186 11

More detailed statistical information may be found in Parts 7 to 11 of this report.

2. *Agreements with Provinces and Territories*

The agreements made by the provinces and the territories with Canada in accordance with the provisions of the Old Age Assistance Act were amended during the fiscal year 1955-56.

The Old Age Assistance Regulations provide that an agreement with a province may, at the request of the province, stipulate that all or any of a number of items specified in the regulations shall not be included in the calculation of the income of a recipient. By amendments to the regulations that came into force on January 1, 1955, two items were added, namely, cost of living allowances or supplemental allowances paid by any province to any person in receipt of an allowance under the Disabled Persons Act and the income calculated on the cash surrender value of life insurance up to \$500 available to a recipient or his spouse.

In order to give effect to the amendments it was necessary for the provinces and the territories to enter into supplemental agreements with Canada amending the agreements previously completed.

There were no other changes in the main agreements, all of which continued in force throughout the fiscal year 1955-56.

3. *Administration—Federal*

Federal administration is concerned primarily with establishing the amounts which the federal government is authorized to reimburse the provinces. This involves a continuous examination of provincial decisions and an audit of provincial accounts. The examination is made by federal examiners stationed in the provinces and its purpose is to ascertain whether the decisions made by the provincial authorities are in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act and Regulations. The audit of provincial accounts is made by the staff of the Old Age Assistance Division at Ottawa.

Before an agreement with a province can be completed, the province must submit a proposed scheme for the administration of old age assistance for the approval of the Governor in Council. A scheme for administration that has been approved can be altered only with the consent of the Governor in Council. It is part of federal administration to see that provincial administration is in accordance with the schemes approved.

4. *Administration—Provincial*

All applications must be made to the provincial authorities appointed by the provincial governments to administer old age assistance. A provincial authority is responsible for the investigation of each claim for assistance and for the granting or rejecting of the application. Monthly payments to recipients are made by the province, the federal share of fifty per cent being claimed at the end of each month.

The following is a list of the provincial authorities, the provincial government departments and senior provincial officials responsible for the administration as at March 31, 1956:—

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.
Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.
Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.
Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.
Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable R. W. Bend, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Acting Chief Welfare Officer—J. E. Anderson, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable F. W. Rowe, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable J. Clyde Nunn, Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Boreczak, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Forrest W. Phillips, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable John H. Sturdy, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Department—Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—F. J. G. Cunningham, Director of Old Age Assistance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority—W. D. Robertson, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

5. *Advisory Board and Regulations*

The Advisory Board appointed under the authority of the Old Age Assistance Act did not meet during the fiscal year 1955-56. The regulations that came into operation on January 1, 1955, continued in force throughout the fiscal year without any amendments.

6. *Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions*

Operations under the Old Age Pensions Act ceased as of December 31, 1951, and the Act was repealed on March 31, 1954. There are, however, a few items each year which affect the total expenditure since the inception of the Act. As a rule, these are in connection with uncashed cheques and refunds to the provinces.

During the fiscal year 1955-56 there were several such transactions. The federal expenditure for 1955-56 was \$694.94 and the federal share of amounts refunded to the provinces was \$11,081.65. The total federal expenditure from the inception of the Act in 1927 to March 31, 1956 was \$836,844,964.68. Federal expenditure excluding the expenditure for pensions in respect of blindness was as shown in the following summary—

Province	Federal contributions to March 31, 1955	Federal contributions 1955-56	Refunds 1955-56	Federal contributions to March 31, 1956
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Alberta.....	49,470,855 17	—	—	49,470,855 17
British Columbia.....	75,489,941 87	—	8,677 90	75,481,263 97
Manitoba.....	57,431,950 86	354 46	—	57,432,305 32
New Brunswick.....	41,419,845 23	15 00	—	41,419,860 23
Newfoundland.....	9,143,696 48	—	—	9,143,696 48
Nova Scotia.....	53,628,457 18	—	—	53,628,457 18
Ontario.....	276,501,765 52	149 15	2,291 25	276,499,623 42
Prince Edward Island.....	6,542,975 91	—	—	6,542,975 91
Quebec.....	185,211,699 25	111 37	112 50	185,211,698 12
Saskatchewan.....	55,920,925 44	64 96	—	55,920,990 40
Northwest Territories.....	79,158 15	—	—	79,158 15
Yukon Territory.....	85,625 58	—	—	85,625 58
Total.....	810,926,896 64	694 94	11,081 65	810,916,509 93

7. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1956

	Act (Federal) operative as from					
	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.....	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081
Average monthly payment.....	\$ 36.16	\$ 37.68	\$ 37.84	\$ 36.86	\$ 29.42	\$ 33.73
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	2.82	3.95	3.32	2.65	2.26	2.86
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	18.34	14.42	16.50	39.80	52.13	26.06
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1955—March 31, 1956.....	\$1,240,451 68	\$1,788,308 64	\$1,111,603 66	\$1,303,188 68	\$ 877,212 91	\$1,046,927 35
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	4,624,973 42	7,488,792 20	4,486,276 17	5,119,181 97	3,506,512 70	4,127,581 85

	Act (Federal) operative as from					
	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.....	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
Average monthly payment.....	\$ 27.69	\$ 37.51	\$ 37.05	\$ 37.93	\$ 40.00	
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	3.15	2.24	3.25	1.07	2.04	
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	17.65	31.81	17.04	50.00	10.75	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1955—March 31, 1956.....	\$ 99,659 66	\$7,357,373 13	\$1,150,402 27	\$ 21,000 19	\$ 3,080 00	\$20,918,186 11
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	357,022 46	29,555,229 60	4,388,430 31	58,450 72	6,180 48	83,481,540 66

*Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1955 except Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory which are based on 1951 Census.

8. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1955-56

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total.....	1,831	2,086	1,246	1,469	1,180	1,329	6,786	169	8,100	1,586	23	15	25,820
Male.....	964	994	590	665	541	573	2,877	78	3,580	787	15	4	11,668
Female.....	867	1,092	656	804	639	756	3,909	91	4,520	799	8	11	14,152
Married.....	927	816	596	880	790	633	2,902	83	4,237	874	15	7	12,760
Single.....	320	283	156	167	52	187	1,048	36	1,003	161	6	3	3,419
Widower.....	98	144	87	81	74	81	444	7	554	90	1	2	1,663
Widow.....	372	477	315	284	252	339	1,745	39	1,793	310	1	5	5,932
Separated.....	89	328	80	53	11	85	615	3	513	136	.....	1	1,914
Divorced.....	25	38	12	4	1	4	32	1	.....	15	.....	.....	132
Age 65.....	972	1,116	724	1,136	987	871	3,524	88	5,935	762	13	1	16,129
" 66.....	313	322	176	124	90	181	1,063	26	932	259	4	4	3,494
" 67.....	254	265	146	98	47	117	863	25	626	242	4	4	2,691
" 68.....	158	197	110	59	40	108	783	19	466	166	1	2	2,109
" 69.....	134	186	90	51	16	52	553	11	141	157	1	4	1,396
Over 70.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
In cities.....	762	1,265	543	234	113	109	3,130	34	3,441	383	1	2	10,017
In towns.....	628	131	110	151	142	388	1,229	9	811	311	7	3	3,920
In villages.....	163	245	333	104	925	647	1,549	7	3,472	288	15	10	7,758
On farms.....	278	445	260	980	.....	185	878	119	376	604	.....	.....	4,125
Own homes.....	915	823	474	888	953	790	2,641	84	2,496	935	23	13	11,038
Rented houses or apts.....	67	399	78	102	25	116	941	20	1,839	171	.....	1	3,754
Children—relatives.	347	349	409	331	194	343	1,705	57	2,589	296	.....	.....	6,620
Rented rooms.....	452	467	228	110	5	49	1,020	.....	905	110	.....	1	3,347
Public institutions.	44	31	56	36	1	27	433	8	271	49	.....	.....	950
Private institutions.	6	17	1	2	2	4	46	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	103
Number receiving regular annual income from— Pension other than under Old Age Assistance Act..	42	106	54	84	46	91	282	3	362	21	.....	.....	1,091
Annuity of any kind.....	31	22	5	1	.....	9	94	1	66	40	1	.....	270
Spouses in receipt of old age se- curity.....	135	260	153	230	159	181	719	24	755	214	.....	3	2,838
Number receiving unemployment insurance.....	47	78	37	37	28	64	336	2	313	4	.....	.....	940

NUMBER PROVING AGE BY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Certificate of birth..	910	1,082	549	298	25	235	3,664	44	462	664	1	2	7,936
Certificate of baptism.....	232	269	267	787	928	613	1,526	94	6,858	249	15	2	11,840
Census records alone.	43	.....	388	29	30	381	690	29	107	38	.....	1	1,736
Old Bible records..	38	.....	7	.....	3	1	34	1	6	.....	.....	.....	90
Other records.....	540	735	10	349	176	99	776	1	660	616	4	8	3,974
Tribunal.....	68	.....	25	6	18	.....	96	.....	7	19	3	2	244

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
ot 65 years of age..	92	74	88	46	39	62	273	5	151	102	.....	.....	932
nable to prove age..	9	15	.....	.....	3	.....	7	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	36
oo much income...	202	149	67	151	45	175	784	65	685	139	1	.....	2,463
ot sufficient resi- dence.....	6	9	2	3	.....	2	12	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	49
nable to prove residence.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	14	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	23
ransfer of property. ar veterans' allow- ance.....	14	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	41
ind Persons Act.....	.....	3	3	7	.....	1	15	39	3	1	.....	.....	72
hereabouts un- known.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	43
efused information	53	21	9	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	35	10	.....	.....	148
ssistance private source.....	.....	.....	2	9	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	19
ver 70 years.....	1	22	8	9	.....	8	34	2	3	.....	1	.....	88
ld age security.....	6	2	4	18	1	.....	6	3	.....	6	.....	.....	46

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
ithdrawn.....	11	.....	17	28	1	30	222	7	90	106	.....	.....	512
pplicant deceased..	8	.....	19	7	4	9	95	1	49	25	.....	.....	217

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
pril 1, 1955— March 31, 1956... rom inception of the Old Age Assistance Act....	1,345	2,021	1,196	1,107	1,064	1,220	5,487	148	7,120	1,197	20	6	21,931
	4,440	7,524	4,079	4,299	3,864	3,888	18,870	501	23,575	4,041	52	7	75,140

RECIPIENTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
ngle.....	290	655	299	223	119	287	1,904	47	1,915	285	.....	1	6,025
arried couples.....	107	129	82	102	53	144	789	19	930	161	1	1	2,518

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY SINGLE

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																		
	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																		
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Less than \$ 500.....	49	8	11	21	63	79	198	58	28	2	5	533	178	237	156	94	19	91	173	340	915	992	62	...	2,744	34	6	18	3	5	27	44	11	75	20	2	1	246	
\$ 500 — 1,000.....	26	18	16	25	51	36	205	10	25	2	2	491	35	67	29	41	7	17	173	340	915	992	62	...	2,733	40	11	20	19	20	61	74	10	37	232	
1,001 — 1,500.....	12	23	13	10	25	10	135	10	18	1	1	324	13	22	17	9	1	7	174	481	1,174	481	11	...	302	33	30	19	21	15	25	94	4	113	44	398
1,501 — 2,000.....	8	14	8	10	12	6	124	3	10	1	1	228	3	14	2	11	2	88	20	111	98	20	11	...	162	32	27	12	23	9	6	69	18	...	...	...	296
2,001 — 3,000.....	8	19	2	1	4	2	66	17	6	1	1	104	4	3	1	1	1	1	86	29	5	12	1	...	156	32	41	16	22	8	21	128	96	19	72	13	383
3,001 — 4,000.....	2	3	1	1	3	2	25	6	3	1	1	44	2	1	1	1	1	1	27	12	1	1	...	49	9	31	4	15	2	7	88	1	38	6	240	
4,001 — 5,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	3	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	...	8	6	19	1	8	2	2	44	1	10	1	127	
5,001 — 6,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	2	6	1	5	1	1	16	1	14	2	54	
6,001 — 7,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	...	...	...	20
7,001 — 8,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	5
8,001 — 9,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	2
9,001 — 10,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	2
Over 10,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	2

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY MARRIED COUPLES

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																			
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	
Less than \$ 500.....	37	5	22	19	105	121	303	2	116	37	3	7	775	73	65	74	50	13	15	689	41,011	29	1	1	2,024	46	2	16	13	26	55	44	14	172	17	6	5	416		
\$ 500 — 1,000.....	33	27	33	64	125	165	367	2	167	88	1	2	491	35	67	29	41	7	17	340	173	14	...	2,297	68	13	51	36	81	81	119	16	3	55	3	526	
1,001 — 1,500.....	23	21	20	24	78	7	263	1	179	36	1	1	802	10	20	11	16	2	3	232	2,144	12	3	...	229	74	22	53	61	67	50	133	12	308	64	1	835
1,501 — 2,000.....	21	28	16	25	16	3	242	1	105	26	1	1	449	7	8	4	5	1	1	166	1,123	5	...	212	77	35	33	83	26	31	132	14	204	61	696		
2,001 — 3,000.....	14	33	3	23	21	3	227	1	105	26	1	1	494	3	7	2	3	1	3	168	1,123	5	...	201	93	14	35	127	45	19	243	2	312	71	1,091		
3,001 — 4,000.....	10	12	3	8	12	3	127	1	36	18	1	1	225	4	5	1	2	1	2	59	16	3	...	76	56	90	32	83	20	19	173	142	33	...	...	...	648
4,001 — 5,000.....	4	3	2	2	3	1	50	1	13	4	1	1	100	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	16	1	...	31	25	54	10	36	2	4	113	2	69	43	368		
5,001 — 6,000.....	1	3	1	1	4	1	26	1	11	7	1	1	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	9	1	...	22	9	24	3	28	3	2	79	35	16	...	...	...	109
6,001 — 7,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	4	1	1	1	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	2	1	...	1	7	5	1	12	2	2	44	26	8	...	...	...	165
7,001 — 8,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	4	1	1	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	14
8,001 — 9,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	9
9,001 — 10,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	10
Over 10,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	10

9. Number of Recipients at End of Each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,297	.....	2,271	12,097	305	12,267	2,497	.....	.....	41,601
1952-53.....	4,088	7,085	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	.....	87,675
1953-54.....	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,387	594	32,391	4,584	64	4	92,273
1954-55.....	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
1955-56.....	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023

10. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	46	73	16	16	.....	1	53	1	67	23	.....	.....	296
1952-53.....	769	1,498	684	789	700	549	3,876	78	4,108	782	1	.....	13,534
1953-54.....	1,078	1,851	1,015	1,103	1,029	937	4,689	127	5,686	943	15	.....	18,382
1954-55.....	1,202	2,081	1,168	1,284	1,071	1,181	5,065	147	6,675	1,096	16	1	20,987
1955-56.....	1,345	2,021	1,196	1,107	1,064	1,226	5,487	146	7,120	1,197	20	6	21,931

11. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1951-52.....	144,051 36	262,668 27	106,689 51	165,637 56	.....	95,673 45	672,512 10	6,532 45	690,081 24	133,392 55	.....	.....	2,277,238 49
1952-53.....	967,948 46	1,701,854 47	1,036,021 86	1,113,021 31	833,898 50	893,059 70	4,586,572 90	66,313 41	6,927,593 20	997,396 06	4,257 50	.....	10,128,887 37
1953-54.....	1,107,190 01	1,863,051 08	1,112,322 18	1,248,339 19	896,428 59	1,028,756 25	4,726,162 91	85,985 94	7,187,259 43	1,017,535 28	14,251 14	880 00	20,288,152 60
1954-55.....	1,165,331 91	1,872,909 14	1,119,638 96	1,288,065 23	898,972 70	1,063,165 10	4,858,602 93	98,531 00	7,392,922 60	1,089,704 15	18,941 89	2,220 48	20,869,126 09
1955-56.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April 1955.....	100,188 28	151,552 08	95,125 36	108,263 25	71,919 77	88,486 07	411,815 99	8,421 95	621,431 21	95,812 62	1,963 02	235 00	1,758,214 60
May 1955.....	100,500 00	152,699 45	93,000 60	108,153 98	74,538 76	89,112 07	419,564 72	8,387 47	617,651 53	96,627 33	1,602 27	155 00	1,761,972 18
June 1955.....	101,908 88	150,958 15	94,154 65	108,303 68	74,714 39	88,997 18	419,659 39	8,305 94	620,932 94	95,797 76	1,873 52	215 00	1,765,821 48
July 1955.....	103,566 94	152,477 18	93,105 30	108,440 31	73,260 63	88,054 72	412,831 34	8,351 80	623,595 38	98,760 93	1,723 52	215 00	1,764,383 05
August 1955.....	105,886 54	151,219 04	92,022 73	109,023 59	73,690 29	88,114 46	412,645 21	8,082 93	624,038 97	97,095 11	1,683 52	220 00	1,764,322 39
September 1955.....	104,904 68	151,173 34	93,211 85	109,506 20	73,493 74	87,279 72	413,860 55	8,245 23	622,464 80	96,074 92	1,786 86	200 00	1,762,201 89
October 1955.....	107,327 25	149,279 62	93,842 72	109,862 23	72,211 21	86,829 89	409,845 55	8,311 19	616,849 80	94,167 18	2,009 36	160 00	1,750,696 00
November 1955.....	106,409 71	148,225 69	93,179 81	108,746 18	72,178 09	87,279 81	408,016 06	8,332 94	613,551 43	95,984 77	1,578 73	260 00	1,743,743 22
December 1955.....	105,534 69	148,509 08	92,458 79	109,488 83	73,184 03	86,956 80	408,194 88	8,370 60	603,562 65	97,357 27	1,848 71	320 00	1,735,786 33
January 1956.....	103,402 41	145,637 00	90,777 44	109,054 02	72,681 05	86,923 62	405,699 67	8,386 89	618,915 85	91,521 18	1,668 31	320 00	1,734,967 44
February 1956.....	104,178 98	145,243 37	91,857 04	109,073 57	71,283 40	85,927 78	406,282 74	8,341 19	608,903 66	97,534 26	1,649 56	380 00	1,730,655 55
March 1956.....	102,813 99	144,574 97	92,033 03	108,788 59	72,143 47	86,352 18	400,632 35	8,211 53	612,483 15	97,331 24	1,630 81	400 00	1,727,395 31
.....	1,246,331 25	1,791,548 97	1,115,669 32	1,306,704 43	878,278 83	1,050,314 30	4,929 048 45	99,719 66	7,404,381 37	1,154,064 57	21,018 19	3,090 00	21,000,159 44
Deduct— Amounts Recovered Account of Overpay- ments.....	11,759 35	6,480 66	8,131 32	7,031 50	2,131 85	6,773 90	20,141 02	120 00	94,016 49	7,324 60	36 00	.....	163,946 69
Add— Amounts Reimbursed Provinces Account of Overpayments.....	5,879 68	3,240 33	4,065 66	3,515 75	1,005 93	3,386 95	10,070 51	60 00	47,008 25	3,662 30	18 00	.....	81,973 36
Total 1955-56.....	1,240,451 68	1,788,308 64	1,111,603 66	1,303,188 68	877,212 91	1,046,927 35	4,918,977 94	99,659 66	7,357,373 13	1,150,402 27	21,000 19	3,090 00	20,918,186 11

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REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE IN CANADA

Under the Provisions of the
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT
Chapter 199, Revised Statutes
of Canada, 1952

FISCAL YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 1957

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ABLE FROM THE QUEEN'S PRINTER, OTTAWA, CANADA

*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor
General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1957, (during which the previous administration was in office) of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, August 31, 1957.

The Honourable J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1957, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,
Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, August 31, 1957.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

FISCAL YEAR 1956-57

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

The federal-provincial plan for providing old age assistance to persons over the age of sixty-five years was in operation in all parts of Canada during the fiscal year 1956-57. The number of persons receiving such assistance as at March 31, 1957, was 89,907. During the fiscal year federal payments to the provinces and the territories, representing fifty per cent of the total expenditure, amounted to \$20,399,104.92.

The number of new applications reported as having been considered by the several provincial authorities during the twelve month period was 29,060. Applications approved numbered 24,423. There were 730 not completed and 3,907 declined. The number of recipients reaching the age of seventy years and thereby becoming eligible to receive pensions under the Old Age Security Act was 22,616.

The percentage of recipients to the estimated population sixty-five to sixty-nine years of age as at June 1, 1956, varied little from the previous year. As at March 31, 1957, about 20 per cent of the estimated number of 453,900 was in receipt of assistance.

The Old Age Assistance Act came into operation on January 1, 1952. From that date to March 31, 1957, federal payments to the provinces and the territories totalled \$103,880,645.58. The number of recipients transferred to benefit under the Old Age Security Act during the same period totalled 97,756.

The following is a summary of the operations under the Old Age Assistance Act for the fiscal years 1953-54 to 1956-57—

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1953-54.....	30,416	5,530	18,392	93,273	20,288,152 60
1954-55.....	27,688	5,034	20,987	94,625	20,869,126 09
1955-56.....	25,820	4,689	21,931	93,023	20,918,186 11
1956-57.....	24,423	4,637	22,616	89,907	20,399,104 92

Further detailed statistical information furnished by the provinces is shown in Parts 8 to 12 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

On March 14, 1957 the Minister of Finance, in his Budget Address announced the Government's intention to seek amendments to the Act, which would authorize an increase, effective July 1, 1957, in the maximum assistance shareable with the provinces from \$40 to \$46 a month. The amounts of maximum income allowed were also to be increased from \$720 to \$840 a year in the case of an unmarried person, from \$1,200 to \$1,380 in the case of a married person and

from \$1,320 to \$1,740 in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Implementation by the provinces is necessary to bring changes of this kind into operation.

At the end of the fiscal year legislative authority for the increases had not been provided. However, the Act was amended early in April of 1957.

3. *Agreements with Provinces and Territories*

The agreement with the Province of Newfoundland was amended during the fiscal year 1956-57. The original agreement, effective April 1, 1952, provided for the payment by the province of maximum assistance of \$360 a year. By the terms of the amending agreement, effective September 1, 1956, the maximum assistance was increased to \$480 a year. Both the original agreement and the amending agreement provided for the maximum amounts of income allowed by the Old Age Assistance Act.

The original agreements were completed in 1952 except the one with the Yukon Territory which was completed early in 1953. Following certain amendments to the Old Age Assistance Regulations in 1955, all agreements were amended in that year or early in 1956.

There were no changes in the agreements during the fiscal year 1956-57 except in the one with Newfoundland. However, a number of the provinces had indicated their intention of completing amending agreements in order to implement the increase in the maximum assistance and the increases in the amounts of maximum income allowed announced in March of 1957.

4. *Administration—Federal*

There were no changes during the fiscal year in federal administrative procedures under the Old Age Assistance Act. Federal administration continued as a responsibility of the Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare. Provincial decisions were reviewed by federal examiners in the provinces and provincial accounts were checked at Ottawa.

There were no changes in the provincial schemes for the administration of old age assistance. The Act provides that any change in a provincial scheme must be approved by the Governor in Council.

5. *Administration—Provincial*

Administration in the ten provinces is under the department of the provincial government responsible for provincial welfare. In the territories, the administration comes under the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories and the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory.

In each province and territory there is a provincial authority responsible for dealing with applications and for paying assistance. The following is a list of the provincial and territorial authorities and senior officials of the administering departments as at March 31, 1957—

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.
Minister—Honourable R. W. Bend, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.
Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.
Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.
Acting Chief Welfare Officer—J. E. Anderson, Department of Health and Social Services.
Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.
Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.
Minister—Honourable B. J. Abbott, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.
Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister—Honourable Richard A. Donahoe, Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.
Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.
Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.
Minister—Honourable Forrest W. Phillips, Minister of Welfare.
Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.
Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.
Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.
Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.
Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.
Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.
Minister—Honourable T. J. Bentley, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.
Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.
Territorial Authority—F. J. G. Cunningham, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.
Territorial Authority—H. J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. *Advisory Board and Regulations*

The Advisory Board established by the Old Age Assistance Act met in Ottawa on November 5th and 6th, 1956, to consider a number of proposed changes in the Old Age Assistance Regulations, mainly in those referring to residence in Canada, the procedures for calculating income and absences from Canada.

The residence regulations authorize the provincial authority to disregard absences from Canada under certain circumstances. It was suggested that the requirement that the applicant must have maintained a home in Canada during his absence should be deleted in the case of persons engaged in certain types of employment.

Most of the suggestions regarding income calculations related to the procedures for determining the income value of personal property owned by recipients. More generous methods were considered with more frequent recalculations where the circumstances changed. In connection with the purchase of real property it was suggested that where personal property was used for this purpose, the recipient should be allowed the more favourable income calculation. Changes made necessary by the provisions of the Unemployment Assistance Act were also considered.

In the matter of providing for payment of assistance for specified periods of absence from Canada, consideration was given to the adoption of rules similar to those established by the Old Age Security Act.

As at March 31, 1957, final decisions had not yet been taken on the above suggestions.

7. *Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions*

During the fiscal year there were a few transactions affecting the total expenditure under the Old Age Pensions Act repealed as of March 31, 1954. Federal payments to the provinces on account of uncashed cheques presented for payment amounted to \$78.75. The federal share of amounts refunded to the provinces was \$1,155.82.

As at March 31, 1957, the total federal expenditure under the Old Age Pensions Act was \$836,843,887.61. This amount included \$25,928,454.75 for pensions for blind persons also provided for by the Act. The amount of federal payments for old age pensions only as at March 31, 1957, was as shown in the following summary—

Province	Federal contributions to March 31, 1956		Federal contributions 1956-57		Refunds 1956-57	Federal contributions to March 31, 1957	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	\$	cts.
Alberta.....	49,470,855	17	—	—	—	49,470,855	17
British Columbia.....	75,481,263	97	78	75	1,155	75,480,186	90
Manitoba.....	57,432,305	32	—	—	—	57,432,305	32
New Brunswick.....	41,419,860	23	—	—	—	41,419,860	23
Newfoundland.....	9,143,696	48	—	—	—	9,143,696	48
Nova Scotia.....	53,628,457	18	—	—	—	53,628,457	18
Ontario.....	276,499,623	42	—	—	—	276,499,623	42
Prince Edward Island.....	6,542,975	91	—	—	—	6,542,975	91
Quebec.....	185,211,698	12	—	—	—	185,211,698	12
Saskatchewan.....	55,920,990	40	—	—	—	55,920,990	40
Northwest Territories.....	79,158	15	—	—	—	79,158	15
Yukon Territory.....	85,625	58	—	—	—	85,625	58
Total.....	810,916,509	93	78	75	1,155	810,915,432	86

8. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1957

	Act (Federal) operative as from						
	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients.....	5,400	7,029	4,500	5,624	4,893	4,950	
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	
Average monthly payment.....	36 14	37 67	37 88	36 92	38 08	33 95	
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	2 77	3 78	3 26	2 62	2 19	2 82	
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	17 88	13 73	16 17	37 74	52 61	25 26	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1956—March 31, 1957.....	\$1,220,050 48	\$1,669,790 16	\$1,065,848 06	\$1,276,064 34	\$1,016,721 40	\$1,026,319 49	
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	5,845,023 90	9,155,382 36	5,552,124 23	6,395,246 31	4,523,234 10	5,153,901 34	

	Act (Federal) operative as from						
	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients.....	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	89,907
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Average monthly payment.....	36 93	28 04	37 47	37 11	37 96	40 00	
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	3 11	3 14	2 23	3 19	1 07	2 04	
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	12 59	17 58	30 01	17 35	59 30	16 67	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1956—March 31, 1957.....	\$ 4,677,967 96	\$ 98,220 39	\$ 7,150,030 50	\$1,150,832 81	\$22,619 33	\$ 6,640 00	\$ 20,399,104 92
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	24,440,876 74	455,242 55	36,714,260 10	5,548,263 12	81,070 05	12,820 48	103,880,645 58

* Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1953 except Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory which are based on 1951 Census.
Average monthly assistance (Canada) \$37.03.

9. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1956-57

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Tot.
Total.....	1,602	1,974	1,343	1,361	1,321	1,376	5,964	169	7,701	1,562	33	17	24,451
Male.....	777	882	562	630	633	567	2,402	80	3,183	793	20	13	10,548
Female.....	825	1,092	781	731	688	809	3,562	89	4,518	769	13	4	13,893
Married.....	759	785	647	842	875	670	2,425	86	4,040	856	23	9	12,011
Single.....	293	262	174	142	94	177	939	38	951	180	1	5	3,223
Widower.....	76	114	81	74	84	78	356	8	466	78	4	.....	1,411
Widow.....	397	466	323	243	253	381	1,638	32	1,807	321	5	3	5,866
Separated.....	60	320	105	58	15	67	568	5	437	117	.....	.....	1,771
Divorced.....	17	27	13	2	.....	3	38	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	111
Age 65.....	862	1,011	851	1,095	1,068	920	3,353	78	5,771	762	19	3	15,793
" 66.....	268	354	147	101	105	194	899	42	892	300	4	5	3,311
" 67.....	191	232	160	73	72	112	696	17	521	198	5	3	2,235
" 68.....	162	218	134	61	40	95	621	21	355	153	5	2	1,866
" 69.....	119	159	51	31	36	55	395	11	162	149	.....	4	1,171
Over 70.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
In cities.....	560	1,188	513	106	138	115	2,696	37	3,091	340	.....	5	8,871
In towns.....	585	93	162	165	133	350	1,127	15	805	256	5	2	3,666
In villages.....	108	247	359	36	1,050	745	1,331	1	3,431	343	28	10	7,681
On farms.....	349	446	309	964	.....	166	810	116	374	623	.....	.....	4,151
Own homes.....	812	818	485	858	1,059	850	2,312	79	2,509	986	31	11	10,811
Rented houses or apts.....	96	341	85	99	20	85	786	9	1,672	141	.....	1	3,331
Children—relatives.....	144	320	485	277	217	367	1,554	56	2,425	266	2	4	6,121
Rented rooms.....	463	444	234	85	4	46	827	12	758	123	.....	1	2,991
Public institutions.....	81	30	54	33	19	28	434	12	334	36	.....	.....	1,066
Private institutions.....	6	21	.....	9	2	.....	51	1	.....	10	.....	.....	101
Number receiving regular annual income— Pension other than under Old Age Assistance Act..	43	84	45	40	44	89	311	3	342	26	.....	.....	1,021
Annuity of any kind.....	136	14	7	1	.....	4	72	.....	67	9	.....	.....	311
Spouses in receipt of old age security.....	123	272	193	205	192	190	681	25	811	158	2	1	2,851
Number receiving unemployment insurance.....	59	56	45	34	29	37	246	1	312	1	.....	.....	821

NUMBER PROVING AGE BY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Certificate of birth..	707	949	568	270	.....	259	3,223	30	323	649	.....	2	6,981
Certificate of baptism.....	231	277	258	742	1,111	647	1,378	121	6,883	245	22	5	11,921
Census records alone	42	.....	458	5	2	410	559	16	65	54	1	2	1,614
Old Bible records...	15	52	2	86	.....	.....	22	1	10	3	.....	2	193
Other records.....	531	652	14	250	191	60	713	1	417	602	8	1	3,441
Tribunal.....	76	44	43	8	17	.....	69	.....	3	9	2	5	276

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Not 65 years of age...	120	40	63	44	28	66	201	11	152	134	1	.....	860
Unable to prove age...		10					1						11
Too much income...	211	182	66	137	64	179	688	53	846	132			2,558
Not sufficient residence...	2	5	1	3	1	3	8	1	14	3	2	.....	43
Unable to prove residence...		3					8			1			12
Transfer of property...	6						2	4	24				36
War veteran's allowance...		4	2	14	2	3	15	23	7				70
Blind Persons Act...							1		2				3
Whereabouts unknown...		9					25	1		6			41
Refused information...	27	23	2		2	1	25		47	5			132
Assistance private source...		2	4	7			4			4			21
Over 70 years...		21	1	13		7	16		21	2	1		82
Old age security...	1	6	4	14	1		4	2		6			38
Total.....	367	305	143	232	98	250	998	95	1,113	293	4	.....	3,907

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Withdrawn.....	26	60	25	24	2	21	159	7	111	83	.....	.....	518
Applicant deceased..	16	39	17	7	2	13	62	3	33	20	.....	.....	212
Total.....	42	99	42	31	4	34	221	10	144	103	.....	.....	730

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
April 1, 1956—													
March 31, 1957....	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,391	1,041	1,300	5,624	160	7,320	1,258	18	4	22,616
From inception of the Old Age Assistance Act....	5,785	9,542	5,216	5,690	4,905	5,188	24,491	631	30,895	5,299	70	11	97,756

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Single.....	299	657	311	200	154	299	1,721	51	1,722	303	5	4	5,726
Married couples....	117	147	129	92	43	93	624	15	800	156	3	1	2,220

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY SINGLE

	REAL												PERSONAL												REAL AND PERSONAL													
	REAL						PERSONAL						REAL						PERSONAL						REAL AND PERSONAL													
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Less than \$ 500	20	11	33	21	59	92	169	51	44	1	4	508	178	201	175	53	21	64	883	987	49	2	2	2	2	2,613	21	6	10	10	10	37	41	16	54	12	3	220
\$ 500 — 1,000	29	13	22	27	74	38	169	58	39	1	5	468	34	61	128	16	5	16	302	194	13	7	1	1	1	669	40	7	21	21	19	54	70	3	17	252		
1,001 — 1,500	18	14	11	14	31	15	175	32	41	1	1	351	18	10	10	10	2	157	92	4	7	1	1	1	265	43	19	16	20	10	27	89	6	71	35	336		
1,501 — 2,000	17	10	4	11	6	15	106	27	27	1	1	213	5	7	6	4	3	58	25	4	1	1	1	1	117	23	25	14	20	9	20	83	1	63	24	282		
2,001 — 3,000	4	20	11	6	8	1	136	37	12	1	1	235	8	2	7	8	26	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	146	37	20	11	36	7	12	127	3	62	24	389		
3,001 — 4,000	2	10	4	5	5	2	81	24	8	1	1	141	2	1	2	1	4	26	16	3	1	1	1	1	49	26	32	11	35	4	85	44	26	24	248			
4,001 — 5,000	2	1	2	1	3	1	25	1	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	8	1	12	1	1	35	24	6	10	105			
5,001 — 6,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	2	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	3	3	2	1	6	13	1	18	44			
6,001 — 7,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	
7,001 — 8,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
8,001 — 9,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9,001 — 10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Over 10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY MARRIED COUPLES

	REAL												PERSONAL												REAL AND PERSONAL													
	REAL												PERSONAL												REAL AND PERSONAL													
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Less than \$ 500.....	24	3	27	39	102	136	232	106	40	3	8	790	63	13	13	74	66	43	6	19	622	888	11	5	1,757	22	2	21	10	20	66	43	22	181	21	6	414	
\$ 500 — 1,000.....	27	17	32	62	172	72	322	170	102	1	1	976	13	13	13	19	14	4	4	241	198	10	1	2,447	37	19	37	34	53	93	105	31	5	54	3	474		
1,001 — 1,500.....	21	21	24	29	71	23	263	110	54	1	1	616	4	9	6	19	16	2	2	137	131	12	1	2,498	62	13	32	30	55	93	119	276	69	1	774			
1,501 — 2,000.....	20	19	6	29	30	2	181	94	34	1	1	415	4	9	6	5	1	2	133	116	5	1	1,750	37	19	37	34	53	93	125	250	59	1	774				
2,001 — 3,000.....	26	30	8	11	39	6	229	130	35	1	1	415	4	9	6	5	1	2	133	116	5	1	1,750	37	19	37	34	53	93	125	250	59	1	774				
3,001 — 4,000.....	4	14	5	14	1	96	56	19	21	1	1	111	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	145	12	3	1	72	67	82	43	56	29	9	103	92	22	1	1,001			
4,001 — 5,000.....	2	2	2	1	3	2	62	26	9	1	1	111	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	1	2	1	30	35	41	18	47	8	62	61	12	1	925				
5,001 — 6,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	2	18	18	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	1	1	1	19	16	24	1	24	3	1	20	26	16	1	213			
6,001 — 7,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	7	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	19	16	24	1	24	3	1	20	26	16	1	113			
7,001 — 8,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	19	16	24	1	24	3	1	20	26	16	1	113			
8,001 — 9,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	19	16	24	1	24	3	1	20	26	16	1	113			
9,001 — 10,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	19	16	24	1	24	3	1	20	26	16	1	113			
Over 10,000.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	19	16	24	1	24	3	1	20	26	16	1	113			

10. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	46	73	16	16	.....	1	53	1	67	23	.....	.....	206
1952-53	769	1,498	684	789	700	549	3,450	78	4,098	782	.....	.....	13,534
1953-54	1,078	1,851	1,015	1,103	1,029	1,131	5,095	127	5,605	943	.....	.....	18,902
1954-55	1,202	2,081	1,168	1,404	1,064	1,220	5,487	147	6,675	1,066	.....	.....	20,987
1955-56	1,345	2,074	1,404	1,494	1,064	1,220	5,487	148	7,120	1,197	.....	.....	21,931
1956-57	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,391	1,041	1,300	5,624	160	7,320	1,258	.....	.....	22,616

11. Number of Recipients at End of Each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	.....	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	.....	.....	41,601
1952-53	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,780	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	.....	.....	87,675
1953-54	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,581	.....	.....	93,273
1954-55	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	.....	.....	94,625
1955-56	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	.....	.....	95,023
1956-57	5,317	7,381	4,602	5,900	4,858	5,072	21,575	593	32,135	4,937	.....	.....	92,683
April	5,523	7,340	4,564	5,889	4,831	5,056	21,350	596	32,183	5,007	.....	.....	92,710
May	5,516	7,303	4,563	5,849	4,828	5,056	21,350	596	32,132	5,018	.....	.....	92,630
June	5,515	7,272	4,560	5,803	4,825	5,062	21,367	594	32,024	5,024	.....	.....	92,229
July	5,492	7,122	4,560	5,775	4,803	5,070	21,282	594	31,945	5,052	.....	.....	92,060
August	5,458	7,000	4,555	5,757	4,853	5,062	21,201	594	31,837	5,013	.....	.....	91,641
September	5,463	7,002	4,558	5,738	4,840	5,043	21,037	587	31,684	5,013	.....	.....	91,199
October	5,465	7,063	4,598	5,687	4,813	5,055	20,960	579	31,501	5,035	.....	.....	90,909
November	5,465	7,066	4,572	5,639	4,878	5,015	20,938	567	31,135	4,983	.....	.....	90,388
December	5,448	7,014	4,572	5,613	4,800	4,987	20,731	551	31,068	4,958	.....	.....	90,331
January	5,400	7,029	4,500	5,624	4,893	4,950	20,714	580	31,051	4,963	.....	.....	90,095
February	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	89,907
March	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

12. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta		British Columbia		Manitoba		New Brunswick		Nova Scotia		Ontario		Prince Edward Island		Quebec		Saskatchewan		Northwest Territories		Yukon Territory		Total	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1951-52.....	144,051	36	262,663	27	106,689	51	165,637	56	93,673	15	673,512	10	6,532	45	699,081	21	133,392	55					2,277,238	49
1952-53.....	967,948	46	1,701,854	47	1,036,021	86	1,113,921	31	833,398	50	4,880,572	90	66,313	41	1,927,503	20	907,356	06	4,257	50			19,128,837	37
1953-54.....	1,107,190	01	1,863,051	68	1,112,322	18	1,248,339	19	866,428	50	4,720,152	91	88,085	91	17,259	43	1,017,535	28	14,251	14	880	00	20,288,152	60
1954-55.....	1,165,331	91	1,872,909	14	1,119,638	96	1,288,095	23	898,073	70	4,588,602	93	98,531	00	7,392,922	60	1,080,704	15	18,941	89	2,220	48	20,869,126	09
1955-56.....	1,240,451	68	1,788,308	64	1,111,603	66	1,303,188	98	877,212	91	4,918,977	94	99,650	62	7,357,373	13	1,150,402	27	21,000	19	3,080	00	20,918,186	11
1956-57.....																								
April 1956.....	104,469	27	142,370	69	91,428	46	108,035	50	72,279	97	86,537	64	8,102	91	610,477	94	96,253	72	1,804	28	440	00	1,720,553	83
May 1956.....	103,422	04	143,513	77	89,577	96	109,348	85	72,815	88	86,452	07	8,239	41	615,303	08	97,828	02	1,700	21	560	00	1,727,248	52
June 1956.....	104,092	67	141,620	72	89,734	32	107,322	33	72,631	36	89,676	73	8,460	06	610,302	21	100,011	79	1,569	86	560	00	1,721,253	11
July 1956.....	101,695	37	138,567	59	90,122	86	108,845	10	72,282	70	87,156	49	8,248	91	605,974	01	96,335	28	1,989	86	560	00	1,711,313	84
August 1956.....	101,843	67	140,399	88	89,296	66	107,829	40	72,627	78	86,661	55	8,125	21	608,400	78	99,417	05	1,830	86	560	00	1,707,736	29
September 1956.....	102,777	96	139,041	25	88,666	70	107,231	48	89,203	09	323,190	81	8,217	96	601,701	83	95,717	53	1,930	99	560	00	1,718,721	06
October 1956.....	102,046	29	136,569	00	88,751	63	107,142	62	86,324	18	386,900	75	8,160	78	600,564	45	96,574	60	1,902	55	520	00	1,709,246	29
November 1956.....	103,693	73	140,793	46	90,689	13	105,728	66	89,420	79	389,712	02	8,014	06	594,816	22	98,811	62	2,013	93	520	00	1,713,224	05
December 1956.....	101,295	94	139,434	62	88,499	47	105,282	07	89,100	26	390,667	04	8,345	26	589,953	68	96,567	51	1,921	98	560	00	1,702,222	69
January 1957.....	103,130	80	139,089	43	88,217	05	104,307	18	85,809	75	383,650	60	8,093	66	595,527	12	96,122	29	2,004	49	580	00	1,700,204	09
February 1957.....	99,661	44	137,620	01	88,769	83	105,019	72	84,908	97	383,893	67	8,206	51	589,962	60	95,409	34	1,931	16	600	00	1,680,871	81
March 1957.....	100,684	13	135,273	14	89,161	84	103,702	84	84,267	67	383,668	69	8,112	83	587,904	39	96,242	27	1,991	16	620	00	1,685,779	03
	1,228,913	31	1,674,233	56	1,072,915	91	1,280,695	75	1,018,136	11	4,695,617	11	98,297	89	7,210,923	31	1,165,291	02	22,641	38	6,640	00	20,507,415	18
Deduct— Amounts recovered account of overpay- ments.....																								
Add— Amounts reimbursed provinces account of overpayments.....	17,725	67	8,886	81	14,135	71	9,262	83	11,580	12	37,268	31	155	00	103,785	62	10,916	42	44	00			216,620	53
Total 1956-57.....	8,862	84	4,443	41	7,067	86	4,631	42	1,415	05	18,649	16	77	50	51,892	81	5,453	21	22	00			108,310	32
	1,220,050	48	1,669,790	16	1,065,813	06	1,276,064	34	1,016,721	40	4,677,967	96	98,297	39	7,130,020	50	1,159,822	81	22,619	38	6,640	00	20,399,104	02

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*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor
General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1958, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1958.

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Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,
Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1958.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year 1957-1958

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

Old age assistance was provided by the ten provinces and the two territories during the fiscal year 1957-58. As at March 31, 1958, the total number of recipients in Canada was 92,484. The federal share of fifty per cent of the amounts paid out for assistance by the provinces and the territories during the fiscal year was \$24,961,383.23.

The provinces and territories reported a total of 33,118 applications considered during the twelve month period. Of this number 28,638 were approved, 3,741 were declined and 739 were not completed. There were 22,256 recipients of old age assistance who attained the age of seventy years during the fiscal year and thereby became eligible to receive pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

The estimated total population in the age group sixty-five to sixty-nine years was 463,900 as at June 1, 1957. Recipients of old age assistance as at March 31, 1958 represented about 20 per cent of that number.

From the inception of the Old Age Assistance Act as of January 1, 1952, to March 31, 1958, federal payments to the provinces and the territories have totalled \$128,842,028.81. During the same period 120,012 recipients reached the age of seventy years and were transferred to the administration of the Old Age Security Act.

The following summary shows the operations under the Act during the last five fiscal years—

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1953-54.....	30,416	5,530	18,392	93,273	20,288,152 60
1954-55.....	27,688	5,034	20,987	94,625	20,869,126 09
1955-56.....	25,820	4,689	21,931	93,023	20,918,186 11
1956-57.....	24,423	4,637	22,616	89,907	20,399,104 92
1957-58.....	28,638	4,480	22,256	92,484	24,961,383 23

The substantial increase in federal payments for the fiscal year 1957-58 was mainly due to the increase in the maximum assistance from \$40 to \$46 a month effective July 1, 1957, and a further increase from \$46 to \$55 a month effective November 1, 1957. On both occasions the maximum amounts of income allowed were also increased. An explanation of the changes will be found in Part 2 of this report and additional statistical information in Parts 8 to 13.

2. Amendments to the Act

By section 11 of the Appropriation Act No. 4, 1957, Chapter 14, Statutes of Canada, 1957, (incorporating the wording of Vote No. 665 of "Further

Supplementary Estimates (1)" for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1958), Parliament amended the Old Age Assistance Act, effective July 1, 1957, to provide

- (a) for an increase from \$40 to \$46 a month in the maximum amount of old age assistance payable, and
- (b) for increases in the amounts of allowable income as follows—
 - from \$720 to \$840 a year (unmarried)
 - \$1,200 to \$1,380 a year (married)
 - \$1,320 to \$1,740 a year (married with blind spouse).

Further amendments to the Act were announced by a resolution introduced in the House of Commons on November 1, 1957 by the Minister of National Health and Welfare and reading as follows—

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Old Age Assistance Act to increase to fifty-five dollars per month the maximum amount of assistance in respect of which payments may be made to the provinces under the provisions of that act, to reduce the basic residence requirement for recipients from 20 years to 10 years and to increase the total amount of allowable income, inclusive of assistance, by one hundred and twenty dollars a year in the case of an unmarried person, and two hundred and forty dollars a year in the case of a married person."

Following a short debate on November 1, 1957, the resolution was reported and concurred in and thereupon the Minister moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 20 to amend the Old Age Assistance Act. The motion was agreed to and the bill was read the first time. Its provisions were as follows—

An Act to amend the Old Age Assistance Act.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. (1) Subsection (1) of section 3 of the *Old Age Assistance Act* is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"3. (1) The Minister, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may, on behalf of the Government of Canada, make an agreement with a province to provide for the payment to the province, in accordance with this Act and the regulations, of amounts in respect of assistance paid by the province pursuant to provincial law, not exceeding, in respect of any recipient, fifty per cent of fifty-five dollars monthly or of the amount of assistance paid by the province monthly to the recipient, whichever is the lesser."

(2) Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 3 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(ii) has resided in Canada for the ten years immediately preceding that date, or, if he has not so resided, has been present in Canada prior to those ten years for an aggregate period equal to twice the aggregate periods of absences from Canada during those ten years;"

(3) Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 3 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(c) is,

- (i) an unmarried person, and his income, inclusive of assistance, is not more than nine hundred and sixty dollars a year,
- (ii) married and living with his spouse and the total income, inclusive of assistance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than sixteen hundred and twenty dollars a year, or

- (iii) married and living with his spouse who is blind within the meaning of the *Blind Persons Act* and the total income, inclusive of assistance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than nineteen hundred and eighty dollars a year."

2. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of November, 1957.

Bill No. 20 was passed by the House of Commons on November 5, 1957, and by the Senate on November 13, 1957, receiving Royal Assent on November 21, 1957, as Chapter 6 of the Statutes of Canada, 1957.

These are the only amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act since its inception in 1952. For convenience the changes are shown in the following summary—

Year	Chapter number	Reduction in residence	Increase in allowance	Increase in allowable income		
				Unmarried	Married	Married-blind spouse
1957....	14 (1)	—	\$40 to \$46	\$720 to \$840	\$1,200 to \$1,380	\$1,320 to \$1,740
1957....	6 (2)	20 to 10 years	\$46 to \$55	\$840 to \$960	\$1,380 to \$1,620	\$1,740 to \$1,980

(1) Passed during the 5th Session of the 22nd Parliament with effect from July 1, 1957.

(2) Passed during the 1st Session of the 23rd Parliament with effect from November 1, 1957.

3. *Agreements with Provinces and Territories*

Two amending agreements between Canada and the provinces and between Canada and the Northwest Territories were completed during 1957-58. There was one amending agreement with the Yukon Territory, the second amending agreement being completed on May 28, 1958, after the close of the fiscal year 1957-58.

Amending agreements completed in June, July and August, 1957, and one completed with the Yukon Territory in December, 1957, dealt with the first amendments in that year to the Old Age Assistance Act which increased with effect from July 1, 1957, the maximum assistance payable from \$40 to \$46 a month and also increased the amounts of income allowed as explained in Part 2 of this report. In the case of Newfoundland, an amending agreement dated August 30, 1957, provided for the higher amounts of allowable income while continuing the maximum allowance at \$40 a month.

Amending agreements completed from December, 1957, to March, 1958, as well as an agreement concluded with the Yukon Territory dated May 28, 1958, referred to the second amendments to the Act in 1957 which, from November 1, 1957, reduced the residence requirement from 20 to 10 years, increased the maximum assistance from \$46 to \$55 a month and also increased the amounts of income allowed as explained in Part 2 of this report.

The Orders in Council authorizing the Minister of National Health and Welfare to sign the agreements on behalf of the Government of Canada were P.C. 1957-22/755 of June 13, 1957 and P.C. 1957-19/1601 of December 6, 1957.

4. *Administration—Federal*

Federal administration deals mainly with matters related to the federal share of old age assistance. To establish the amounts payable to the provinces federal officials must examine provincial records, particularly monthly accounts and recipients' files. The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare receives copies of the accounts

along with the requests for federal payment. These are examined at Ottawa. The examination of the files must be made in the provinces and for this work federal examiners are stationed in provincial offices.

Federal administrators, in their dealings with the provinces, must, in addition to the federal Act, take into account the provisions of the provincial Acts under the authority of which the provincial authorities pay assistance to recipients. Those Acts are listed in Part 5 of this report dealing with provincial administration. In the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory the payment of old age assistance is authorized by Ordinances which, in most respects, are similar to the provincial Acts.

5. Administration—Provincial

Old age assistance is provided under provincial law to the persons and under the conditions specified in the Old Age Assistance Act and the Old Age Assistance Regulations. It follows that the provincial authorities who have the responsibility for administration must take into account the provisions of both the federal and the provincial acts. Matters referred to in the federal Act but coming directly within the jurisdiction of the provinces are, of course, dealt with by the provincial acts. These include penalties, the prevention of assignment or seizure of assistance and the protection of voting rights.

The following are the provincial acts and territorial ordinances in operation—

ALBERTA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 228, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Old-age Assistance Act, Chapter 2, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session).

MANITOBA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 189, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 163, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 61, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by No. 16, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, No. 46, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957, and No. 5, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958.

NOVA SCOTIA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 36, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957.

ONTARIO—

The Old Age Assistance Act, 1951, Chapter 2, Statutes of Ontario, 1951 (Second Session) as amended by Chapter 68, Statutes of Ontario, 1952, Chapter 51, Statutes of Ontario, 1955, Chapter 83, Statutes of Ontario, 1957 and Chapter 69, Statutes of Ontario, 1958.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 25, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957 and by Chapter 26, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958.

QUEBEC—

An Act to Assist Persons Sixty-five to Seventy Years, Chapter 3, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52.

SASKATCHEWAN—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 242, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 58, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session) and Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session).

YUKON TERRITORY—

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1952, as amended by Chapter 10, Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1952 (Second Session), Chapter 23, Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1955 (Third Session), Chapter 10, Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1957 (Second Session) and Chapter 14, Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958 (First Session).

Applications for old age assistance are dealt with by the provincial authorities appointed by the provincial governments to administer the plan. A provincial authority investigates requests for assistance and approves or rejects applications. Where an application is approved the provincial authority determines the amount of assistance payable and arranges for monthly payments to the recipient.

The following is a list of the provincial authorities, provincial government departments and senior provincial officials responsible for the administration of old age assistance as at March 31, 1958—

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.
Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—R. G. Hagen, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.
Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.
Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.
Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.
Minister—Honourable R. W. Bend, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.
Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.
Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.
Acting Chief Welfare Officer—J. E. Anderson, Department of Health and Social Services.
Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.
Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.
Minister—Honourable S. J. Hefferton, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.
Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister—Honourable Malcolm S. Leonard, Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.
Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.
Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.
Minister—Honourable Alexander W. Matheson, Minister of Welfare.
Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.
Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.
Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.
Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.
Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.
Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.
Minister—Honourable T. J. Bentley, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.
Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.
Territorial Authority—W. G. Brown, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.
Territorial Authority—H. J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. *Advisory Board and Regulations*

Several sections of the Old Age Assistance Regulations, established with effect from January 1, 1955, by Order in Council P.C. 1955-48 of January 13, 1955, were amended with effect from July 1, 1957, by Order in Council P.C. 1957-716 of May 27, 1957. The amendments dealt mainly with matters connected with the calculation of income and the commencement of assistance payments. The following is a summary of the changes made—

1. By agreement, a province could, under the former regulations, disregard direct relief in an amount considered reasonable by the provincial authority if paid out of monies provided only by the municipality or the province in which the recipient resided, or by both, or by a charitable organization incorporated or registered under a law of a province or of the Parliament of Canada. Due to the operations of the Unemployment Assistance Act which came into force in July, 1956, it was necessary to amend this provision. The new regulation refers only to "relief, including relief paid by a charitable organization incorporated or registered under a law of a province or of the Parliament of Canada, in an amount considered reasonable by the provincial authority".
2. The rules in connection with the calculation of the income value of personal property were modified by adding new provisions allowing a recalculation where the recipient's circumstances changed due to the spouse qualifying for old age security or where the personal property

was depleted by medical, hospital or funeral expenses. Due to the fact that income charges on account of personal property may be higher under the procedure required by the Old Age Assistance Regulations than under the annuity procedure in the Blind Persons Regulations and the Disabled Persons Regulations, provision was made for applying the annuity calculation during the period that the spouse was a recipient of either a blindness allowance or a disabled persons allowance. Previously the opposite procedure had been followed.

3. There was a minor change in the regulation dealing with the income value of free board and lodging to include cases where the recipient was given the funds to pay the cost of his lodging by persons other than the recipient or his spouse.
4. Where real property was purchased with personal property, the regulations formerly allowed the calculation of income under the more generous rules applying to real property only where the personal property had been derived from the sale of real property held at the time assistance was granted. The amended regulations removed this restriction.
5. The section applying to the commencement of assistance was amended so that provision for retroactive payment does not apply to any period exceeding one month during which an applicant is in receipt of assistance in respect of which Canada has agreed to contribute under the Unemployment Assistance Act. The provision restricting the payment of assistance to one month where a recipient received direct relief to which the Government of Canada contributed was deleted.
6. The provision under which a recipient could request an increase in his assistance was modified so that some other person could make the request on his behalf.

The amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act effective November 1, 1957, included one reducing the required period of residence in Canada from twenty to ten years. The change in the Act required changes in certain sections of the regulations where reference was made to twenty years' residence. By Order in Council P.C. 1958-393 of March 18, 1958, the references to "twenty years" were changed to "ten years" in paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 4 and in subsection (1) of section 10 of the regulations.

The Advisory Board did not meet during the fiscal year 1957-58, the last meeting having been held on November 5 and 6, 1956.

7. Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions

The Old Age Pensions Act, under which pensions were paid from 1927 to 1951, was repealed on March 31, 1954. Since the Act ceased to operate on December 31, 1951 so far as the payment of pensions was concerned, there have been miscellaneous transactions to report each year. In 1957-58 several old cheques were presented to three of the provinces for payment. The federal share of these was \$107.49. In the same year several refunds were received by two provinces. The federal share of the refunds was \$471.97.

In the summary that follows two items are included that change the total federal expenditure as reported at the end of the fiscal year 1956-57. The expenditure is increased by \$240.86 being the federal share of the amount of old cheques reissued by the provinces in 1956-57. The federal share of these was not paid until 1957-58. The expenditure is reduced by \$471.97, the federal share of the amount of refunds received by the provinces in 1957-58.

The amount of \$107.49 being the federal share of the amount paid out by the provinces in 1957-58 on account of reissued cheques will be paid in 1958-59 and will appear in the report for that year.

Province	Federal contributions to March 31, 1957	Federal contributions 1957-58	Refunds 1957-58	Federal contributions to March 31, 1958
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Alberta.....	49,470,855 17	—	—	49,470,855 17
British Columbia.....	75,480,186 90	—	422 04	75,479,764 86
Manitoba.....	57,432,305 32	—	—	57,432,305 32
New Brunswick.....	41,419,860 23	—	—	41,419,860 23
Newfoundland.....	9,143,696 48	60 00	—	9,143,756 48
Nova Scotia.....	53,628,457 18	—	—	53,628,457 18
Ontario.....	276,499,623 42	109 61	—	276,499,733 03
Prince Edward Island.....	6,542,975 91	—	—	6,542,975 91
Quebec.....	185,211,698 12	71 25	49 93	185,211,719 44
Saskatchewan.....	55,920,990 40	—	—	55,920,990 40
Northwest Territories.....	79,158 15	—	—	79,158 15
Yukon Territory.....	85,625 58	—	—	85,625 58
Total.....	810,915,432 86	240 86	471 97	810,915,201 75

NOTE—Including pensions for the blind the total expenditure at March 31, 1958, was \$836,843,656.50.

8. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1958

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
	Act (Federal) operative as from					
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.....	5,715 \$	6,908 cts.	4,474 \$	5,724 cts.	5,119 \$	5,219 cts.
Average monthly payment.....	51 33	52 91	53 37	52 46	53 63	50 15
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	2 70	3 61	3 36	2 09	2 09	2 85
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	18 26	12 86	15 48	37 17	57 52	26 10
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1957—March 31, 1958.....	1,538,750 51	1,979,058 25	1,297,115 27	1,559,905 44	1,298,769 97	1,318,054 57
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	7,383,774 41	11,137,640 61	6,849,239 50	7,955,151 75	5,822,004 07	6,471,955 91

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Act (Federal) operative as from						
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.....	21,077 \$	659 cts.	32,318 \$	5,129 cts.	103 cts.	41 cts.	92,484 \$
Average monthly payment.....	51 76	45 55	52 45	52 52	53 99	46 00	50 15
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	2 98	3 33	2 20	3 34	1 10	1 57	2 85
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	12 56	19 97	30 84	17 45	48 58	21 47	26 10
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1957—March 31, 1958.....	5,650,280 73	142,257 55	8,702,892 76	1,435,187 62	29,384 56	9,726 00	24,961,383 23
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	30,091,157 47	597,500 40	45,417,152 86	6,983,450 74	110,454 61	22,546 48	128,842,028 81

*Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1957 except Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory which are based on 1956 census.
Average monthly assistance (Canada) \$52.20.

9. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1957-58

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total.....	1,953	2,123	1,357	1,568	1,382	1,601	6,911	241	9,750	1,700	33	19	28,644
Male.....	931	993	634	700	617	631	2,694	115	4,325	852	17	10	12,555
Female.....	1,022	1,130	723	868	765	970	4,217	126	5,425	848	16	9	16,111
Married.....	998	822	763	925	902	814	2,721	118	5,119	985	21	8	14,191
Single.....	279	330	146	185	91	204	1,077	52	1,255	198	2	5	3,822
Widower.....	117	134	67	72	72	85	412	15	614	74	3	2	1,606
Widow.....	424	448	235	300	294	394	1,970	43	2,176	300	7	4	6,666
Separated.....	108	345	81	74	23	96	686	12	586	140	.....	.....	2,111
Divorced.....	27	44	15	12	.....	8	45	1	.....	3	.....	.....	111
Age 65.....	934	1,021	679	1,125	1,096	997	3,605	112	6,540	868	19	5	17,000
“ 66.....	369	378	235	174	122	246	1,215	37	1,605	332	9	3	4,771
“ 67.....	289	269	183	118	85	180	912	40	852	209	2	2	3,141
“ 68.....	185	256	153	95	40	107	679	32	523	147	1	4	2,235
“ 69.....	176	199	107	55	39	71	500	20	230	144	2	1	1,544
Over 70.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....
In cities.....	782	1,237	529	274	192	164	3,227	44	3,964	481	.....	7	10,900
In towns.....	309	149	302	183	130	397	1,266	28	1,098	261	4	2	4,112
In villages.....	548	216	265	10	1,060	868	1,356	14	4,210	378	28	10	8,966
On farms.....	314	521	261	1,101	.....	172	1,062	155	478	580	1	.....	4,644
Own homes.....	823	868	551	967	1,057	956	2,690	133	3,076	1,097	30	12	12,266
Rented houses or apts.....	274	495	103	131	13	155	1,069	22	2,198	172	.....	6	4,633
Children—relatives.....	31	316	437	333	278	382	1,621	59	3,071	253	3	1	6,788
Rented rooms.....	735	348	231	101	11	64	1,024	6	1,010	114	.....	.....	3,644
Public institutions.....	85	74	33	33	16	43	455	20	395	49	.....	.....	1,200
Private institutions.....	5	22	2	3	7	1	52	1	.....	15	.....	.....	100
Number receiving regular annual income.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pension other than under Old Age Assistance Act..	31	143	94	66	52	172	354	1	383	29	.....	.....	1,320
Annuity of any kind.....	18	26	8	2	.....	3	133	.....	95	18	.....	.....	300
Spouses in receipt of old age security.....	207	306	211	215	194	255	765	30	849	212	2	.....	3,244
Number receiving unemployment insurance.....	10	149	16	94	53	92	406	5	346	7	.....	.....	1,170

PROOF OF AGE

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Age established by—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Certificate of birth..	774	1,097	613	372	.....	301	3,814	107	374	729	.....	3	8,189
Certificate of baptism.....	377	316	228	799	1,179	737	1,623	90	8,529	270	21	3	14,179
Census records alone	4	.....	408	6	.....	485	566	33	91	29	2	2	1,620
Old Bible records...	7	.....	.....	69	.....	1	18	1	15	7	.....	.....	120
Other records.....	620	643	68	317	188	75	825	10	735	658	7	.....	4,140
Tribunal.....	171	67	40	5	15	2	65	.....	6	7	1	11	390

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
ot 65 years of age..	137	100	53	54	35	75	193	6	124	117	3	...	897
nable to prove age..		3				2				12			17
oo much income..	168	187	63	151	20	177	719	32	744	96			2,357
ot sufficient residence.....	7	3	3	2	.....	1	8	.....	10	1	.....		35
nable to prove residence.....	1	3					7						11
ransfer of property..	4							3	10				17
ar veteran's allowance.....		4	4	9	1	6	33	53	9	1			120
ind Persons Act.....	1												1
hereabouts unknown.....		7		1			5			7			20
efused information.....	28	24	6	1	1	2	26		33	13			134
ssistance private source.....				10			1			2			13
ver 70 years.....		26	3	11		10	15		16	1	3		85
ld age security.....		12	4	4	1	1	5	1		2		1	31
isabled Persons Act.....		1				1	1						3
Total.....	346	370	136	243	58	275	1,013	95	946	252	6	1	3,741

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
ithdrawn.....	45	98	9	21	.....	24	120	11	122	76			526
pplicant deceased.....	19	25	4	6	5	4	79	1	47	23			213
Total.....	64	123	13	27	5	28	199	12	169	99			739

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
pril 1, 1957—													
March 31, 1958....	1,376	1,877	1,165	1,200	1,024	1,231	5,548	144	7,394	1,265	26	6	22,256
rom inception of the Old Age Assistance Act....	7,161	11,419	6,381	6,890	5,929	6,419	30,042	805	38,289	6,564	96	17	120,012

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
ingle.....	483	645	295	271	205	293	2,011	73	2,069	316	3	10	6,674
married couples.....	212	143	188	95	76	114	696	21	1,357	180	3	3	3,088

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

SINGLE

REAL													PERSONAL													REAL AND PERSONAL																			
Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nad.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nad.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nad.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total							
Less than \$ 500.....	20	14	19	17	48	75	179	1	67	56	2	498	127	237	96	71	12	111	893	4	1,272	24	1	2,948	13	6	13	10	4	42	38	10	79	12	2	1	230								
\$ 500.....	21	14	23	28	68	37	217	1	93	50	2	551	24	57	22	16	2	23	393	2	192	9	1	747	30	14	20	17	10	44	75	8	1	21	1	240									
1,001.....	25	18	5	18	26	12	188	52	46	1	1	340	15	37	14	17	2	11	183	2	50	9	1	340	27	21	22	20	14	39	115	6	119	30	2	415									
1,501.....	20	18	13	5	11	5	9	139	37	30	1	267	7	13	6	10	7	17	188	1	10	1	1	154	30	20	11	30	7	19	84	6	34	25	316										
2,001.....	16	22	11	15	18	6	179	52	20	1	1	339	7	5	3	3	1	6	103	36	13	1	1	166	35	47	9	32	11	21	155	2	129	16	457										
3,001.....	4,001	4,000	6	8	4	4	115	31	13	1	1	190	7	5	1	3	1	3	3	13	9	1	1	59	47	43	11	19	5	7	126	2	77	16	353										
4,001.....	5,001	5,000	3	4	3	33	20	7	8	1	1	79	4	4	2	2	1	1	9	9	1	1	24	8	19	8	12	1	9	60	47	7	171												
5,001.....	6,001	6,000	2	1	1	14	2	1	1	1	1	31	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	8	0	1	4	2	27	19	5	80												
7,001.....	8,001	8,000	1	2	1	3	2	4	1	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20										
9,001.....	10,001	10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6										
Over 10,000.....												3																										7							

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

MARRIED COUPLES

		REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL															
		Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nad.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nad.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total										
Less than \$ 500.....	34	9	30	15	94	139	235	8	129	50	2	742	55	76	52	50	6	40	685	1	1,007	16	4	2,082	18	3	22	11	6	78	44	18	104	11	9	2	416
\$ 500.....	60	16	38	40	153	73	329	2	192	103	1	1,007	16	25	19	11	1	3	106	1	133	16	1	2,535	42	27	46	30	107	39	28	1	49	3	3	473	
1,001.....	60	32	27	38	97	13	291	137	67	1	1	762	9	11	8	3	1	2	146	6	14	6	1	280	52	57	46	35	47	151	22	35	80	3	868		
1,501.....	43	23	13	26	42	8	212	108	30	1	1	505	12	6	4	3	1	146	6	14	6	1	194	64	50	46	35	47	151	22	35	80	3	868			
2,001.....	53	32	18	21	54	7	278	146	52	1	1	661	8	2	6	3	1	136	19	3	1	1	179	90	107	43	152	47	52	257	6	375	84	1	1,703		
3,001.....	24	7	10	6	16	5	147	71	12	1	1	298	7	1	6	3	1	86	5	5	1	1	112	55	77	57	85	25	21	213	2	200	64	1	703		
4,001.....	4,000	2	3	5	9	1	48	27	7	1	1	108	7	1	6	3	1	36	1	1	1	1	40	38	39	21	53	6	8	119	6	299	30	1	703		
5,001.....	5,000	3	1	1	12	1	28	13	3	1	1	31	64	1	1	1	1	24	4	1	1	1	27	21	23	6	34	4	7	72	65	22	253	2	254		
6,001.....	6,000	1	1	1	1	1	15	3	1	1	1	31	64	1	1	1	1	24	4	1	1	1	27	21	23	6	34	4	7	72	65	22	253	2	254		
7,001.....	7,000	1	1	1	1	1	15	3	1	1	1	31	64	1	1	1	1	24	4	1	1	1	27	21	23	6	34	4	7	72	65	22	253	2	254		
8,001.....	8,000	1	1	1	1	1	15	3	1	1	1	31	64	1	1	1	1	24	4	1	1	1	27	21	23	6	34	4	7	72	65	22	253	2	254		
9,001.....	9,000	1	1	1	1	1	15	3	1	1	1	31	64	1	1	1	1	24	4	1	1	1	27	21	23	6	34	4	7	72	65	22	253	2	254		
Over 10,000.....							1	4	1	1	1	7	8	1	2	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	6	9	8	2	8	2	4	11	5	1	14	7	21	21	

10. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	46	73	16	16	700	1	53	1	67	23	.....	.....	295
1952-53.....	769	1,498	684	789	.....	549	3,576	78	4,108	762	.....	.....	13,534
1953-54.....	1,078	1,851	1,015	1,103	1,029	937	4,689	127	6,675	942	15	.....	18,392
1954-55.....	2,081	2,081	1,168	1,284	1,071	1,181	5,065	148	7,120	1,003	19	.....	20,987
1955-56.....	1,345	2,021	1,196	1,107	1,064	1,220	5,474	168	7,120	1,107	20	.....	21,931
1956-57.....	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,391	1,041	1,200	5,548	144	7,394	1,258	18	.....	22,616
1957-58.....	1,376	1,877	1,165	1,200	1,024	1,231	5,548	144	7,394	1,258	26	.....	22,255
Total.....	7,161	11,419	6,381	6,800	5,929	6,419	30,042	805	38,289	6,554	95	17	120,012

11. Number of Recipients at End of Each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	2,954	4,124	1,239	3,237	.....	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	.....	.....	41,601
1952-53.....	4,888	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	.....	87,675
1953-54.....	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,547	514	32,391	4,584	64	.....	93,273
1954-55.....	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	.....	94,625
1955-56.....	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	.....	93,023
1956-57.....	5,400	7,029	4,500	5,624	4,893	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	.....	89,907
1957-58.....	5,357	7,019	4,569	5,622	4,917	4,926	20,501	574	30,919	4,938	101	.....	89,566
April.....	5,424	7,002	4,521	5,622	4,946	4,941	20,534	576	30,855	4,993	103	.....	89,553
May.....	5,424	7,002	4,521	5,622	4,946	4,941	20,534	576	30,855	4,993	103	.....	89,553
June.....	5,440	6,916	4,471	5,625	4,973	4,963	20,443	581	30,400	4,957	102	.....	88,887
July.....	5,420	6,944	4,436	5,624	4,981	4,991	20,499	586	30,404	4,989	98	.....	88,908
August.....	5,463	6,984	4,463	5,631	5,008	5,010	20,534	610	30,813	4,983	101	.....	89,571
September.....	5,467	6,973	4,442	5,619	5,044	5,012	20,592	621	30,859	5,007	99	.....	89,729
October.....	5,504	6,970	4,463	5,612	5,089	5,064	20,586	616	30,793	5,009	102	.....	89,859
November.....	5,504	6,970	4,463	5,612	5,089	5,064	20,586	616	30,793	5,009	102	.....	89,859
December.....	5,546	6,928	4,440	5,656	5,072	5,036	20,577	627	30,793	5,009	106	.....	90,127
January.....	5,589	6,883	4,402	5,671	5,063	5,036	20,572	612	31,364	5,014	102	.....	90,628
February.....	5,648	6,883	4,402	5,671	5,063	5,036	20,572	612	31,364	5,014	102	.....	91,446
March.....	5,715	6,905	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	92,484

12. Number and percentage of recipients as at March 31, 1958, receiving maximum and reduced assistance payments

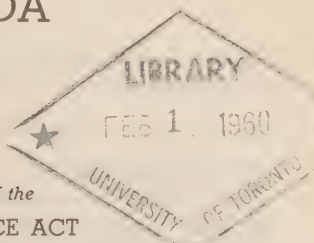
Province	\$55	\$50-54.99	\$45-40.99	\$40-44.99	\$35-39.99	\$30-34.99	\$25-29.99	\$20-24.99	\$15-19.99	\$10-14.99	\$5-9.99	Less than \$5	Total
Alta..... No. %	4,482 78.43	269 4.71	248 4.34	144 2.62	140 2.61	104 1.82	86 1.60	63 1.10	28 .49	28 .49	24 .42	90 1.57	5,715
B.C..... No. %	5,869 84.98	292 4.23	225 3.26	136 1.97	102 1.48	101 1.46	79 1.14	53 .77	29 .42	11 .16	6 .09	3 .04	6,905
Man..... No. %	3,900 87.17	191 4.27	113 2.53	76 1.70	71 1.59	43 .96	39 .87	19 .42	10 .22	10 .16	7 .07	2 .04	4,474
N.B..... No. %	4,510 78.79	282 4.93	342 6.97	212 3.70	123 2.15	105 1.83	63 1.10	41 .72	25 .44	14 .24	6 .10	1 .02	5,724
Nfld..... No. %	4,570 89.28	182 3.36	109 2.13	94 1.84	48 .94	44 .86	22 .43	19 .37	16 .31	11 .21	2 .04	2 .04	5,119
N.S..... No. %	3,323 63.67	672 12.88	387 7.42	370 7.09	201 3.85	47 .90	94 1.80	54 1.03	34 .65	10 .19	20 .38	7 .13	5,219
Ont..... No. %	16,962 80.48	966 4.68	719 3.41	581 2.76	468 2.22	430 2.04	309 1.47	209 .99	151 .72	115 .55	63 .30	104 .49	21,077
P.E.I..... No. %	239 36.27	97 14.72	85 12.90	69 10.47	58 8.80	54 8.19	26 3.95	12 1.82	11 1.67	6 .91	1 .15	1 .15	659
Que..... No. %	26,753 82.78	1,401 4.34	1,236 3.82	755 2.34	667 2.06	524 1.62	406 1.26	234 .72	157 .49	92 .28	77 .24	16 .05	32,318
Sask..... No. %	4,283 83.51	270 5.26	151 2.94	112 2.18	76 1.48	70 1.36	51 .99	27 .53	24 .47	13 .25	49 .96	3 .06	5,129
N.W.T..... No. %	97	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	103
Y.T..... No. %	41	100.00	.....	1.94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41
Total..... %	75,029 81.13	4,624 5.00	3,615 3.91	2,551 2.76	1,983 2.12	1,522 1.65	1,175 1.27	732 .79	486 .53	307 .33	251 .27	229 .25	92,484

Fiscal Year	Alberta		British Columbia		Manitoba		New Brunswick		Newfoundland		Nova Scotia		Ontario		Prince Edward Island		Quebec		Saskatchewan		Northwest Territories		Yukon Territory		Total	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1951-52.....	144,051	36	202,068	27	106,689	51	165,037	56	.....	.....	95,673	45	672,512	10	6,532	45	600,081	24	133,302	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,277,238	49
1952-53.....	967,448	46	1,701,854	47	1,036,021	86	1,113,921	31	833,998	50	893,059	70	4,586,572	90	66,313	41	9,927,503	20	997,306	06	4,257	50	.....	.....	10,128,837	37
1953-54.....	1,107,160	01	1,803,051	08	1,112,322	18	1,248,339	11	896,428	59	1,028,756	25	4,726,132	91	85,985	94	7,187,259	43	1,017,535	28	14,251	14	880	00	20,288,152	60
1954-55.....	1,165,331	91	1,872,409	14	1,119,638	96	1,288,095	23	898,972	70	1,063,165	10	4,858,692	93	98,531	00	7,392,922	60	1,089,704	15	18,941	89	2,220	48	20,869,126	09
1955-56.....	1,240,451	68	1,788,308	64	1,111,603	66	1,303,188	68	877,212	91	1,046,927	35	4,918,977	94	99,650	60	7,357,373	13	1,150,402	27	21,000	19	3,080	00	20,918,186	11
1956-57.....	1,220,050	48	1,669,760	16	1,065,848	06	1,276,044	34	1,016,721	40	1,023,319	49	4,677,967	96	98,220	37	7,154,030	50	1,159,932	81	22,619	33	6,640	00	20,399,104	92
1957-58.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April.....	100,679	86	136,426	47	88,691	92	104,307	09	93,401	55	84,331	91	379,977	40	8,167	41	590,081	08	95,423	92	1,989	02	660	00	1,684,588	03
May.....	101,879	82	135,581	06	86,390	81	104,961	50	95,213	77	84,823	64	381,124	40	8,246	63	583,732	64	97,828	54	2,029	44	680	00	1,682,482	85
June.....	101,628	56	132,826	11	86,848	86	104,258	02	95,265	91	84,902	67	377,530	78	8,288	83	573,308	52	93,225	65	2,031	11	700	00	1,660,875	05
July.....	121,006	12	157,609	97	105,506	72	124,141	64	98,431	34	99,381	38	453,906	01	11,032	08	690,149	22	114,281	75	2,109	98	680	00	1,885,337	21
August.....	120,754	31	158,873	20	102,612	19	124,246	27	98,928	55	109,014	37	445,588	92	11,104	62	705,325	48	114,258	96	2,208	98	700	00	1,993,678	85
September.....	123,607	36	155,918	51	103,746	89	123,135	05	99,824	61	104,032	18	450,441	34	11,366	05	718,087	41	113,405	68	2,229	73	680	00	2,006,465	42
October.....	121,490	30	159,057	44	103,975	38	123,528	18	100,436	09	105,818	06	448,941	01	11,088	97	734,256	26	114,571	20	2,303	20	703	00	2,026,222	09
November.....	123,653	33	158,565	18	123,725	68	140,883	27	101,663	38	105,380	52	538,764	52	11,409	85	683,542	22	133,173	27	2,492	73	1,220	00	2,132,982	94
December.....	175,382	54	240,229	35	123,109	71	150,874	55	102,309	23	108,300	80	541,265	66	11,463	82	699,128	11	135,422	57	2,426	73	920	00	2,370,757	40
January.....	154,784	15	187,686	31	123,806	60	151,885	18	136,888	53	148,424	93	547,084	30	11,171	80	708,761	49	144,244	22	2,314	19	920	00	2,312,971	79
February.....	132,163	00	190,103	06	128,431	23	153,447	23	136,062	69	163,314	17	555,783	73	11,500	00	688,613	47	142,852	95	4,324	00	920	00	2,631,583	23
March.....	154,142	63	192,681	16	126,831	51	159,090	96	139,162	87	132,338	22	552,430	13	27,532	57	1,166,699	16	142,547	70	2,890	45	943	00	2,791,890	68
Total.....	1,551,173	17	1,985,069	42	1,303,667	65	1,504,861	65	1,301,079	92	1,325,046	56	5,672,838	20	142,425	62	7,555,671	06	1,141,236	41	29,400	56	9,726	00	25,082,806	54
Deduct— Amounts recovered account of overpay- ments.....	24,845	31	13,102	35	13,104	76	9,912	42	4,619	86	13,981	55	45,111	95	336	20	105,556	60	12,067	58	230	00	.....	.....	242,904	61
Add— Amounts reimbursed provinces account of overpayments.....	12,422	65	6,551	18	6,552	38	4,656	21	2,309	91	6,492	27	22,537	48	168	10	52,778	30	6,048	70	115	00	.....	.....	121,452	30
Total 1957-58.....	1,568,730	31	1,976,638	25	1,297,115	27	1,516,465	44	1,288,769	67	1,341,051	57	5,650,280	73	142,257	55	7,707,892	76	1,435,187	62	29,384	56	9,736	00	24,961,383	23

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*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1959, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1959.

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Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,
Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1959.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

FISCAL YEAR 1958-59

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

Old age assistance, available to persons aged sixty-five years and over, was paid during the fiscal year in the ten provinces and the two territories. As at March 31, 1959, the total number of recipients was 97,836. Payments to the provinces and territories of the federal share of fifty per cent of their expenditure for assistance amounted to \$30,207,284.36.

The provincial and territorial authorities reported a total of 37,255 applications considered during the twelve month period. Of this number, 32,291 were approved, 4,278 were declined and 686 were not completed. In most cases where the application was declined the applicant either had not attained the age of sixty-five years or had income in excess of the amount allowed by the Old Age Assistance Act. There were 930 cases in the first group and 2,608 in the second. Of the 686 cases where the application was not completed there were 505 where the application was withdrawn and 181 where the applicant died before a decision could be reached. There were 22,424 recipients who attained the age of seventy and thereby became entitled to receive pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

The percentage of recipients to the estimated population sixty-five to sixty-nine years of age has not varied to any extent in the last several years. At the close of the fiscal year 1958-59 recipients were about twenty-one per cent of the population sixty-five to sixty-nine, estimated at 463,100 as at June 1, 1958.

As from January 1, 1952, the date on which the Old Age Assistance Act came into operation, to March 31, 1959, federal payments to the provinces and territories have totalled \$159,049,313.17. In the same period 142,136 recipients of old age assistance have reached the age of seventy years and been transferred to the administration of the Old Age Security Act.

The following is a summary of the operations under the Old Age Assistance Act during the last six fiscal years—

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1953-54.....	30,416	5,530	18,392	93,273	20,288,152 60
1954-55.....	27,688	5,034	20,987	94,625	20,869,126 09
1955-56.....	25,820	4,689	21,931	93,023	20,918,186 11
1956-57.....	24,423	4,637	22,616	89,907	20,399,104 92
1957-58.....	28,638	4,480	22,256	92,484	24,961,383 23
1958-59.....	32,291	4,964	22,424	97,836	30,207,284 36

The maximum assistance payable was \$40 a month to June 30, 1957. By an amendment to the Act the amount was increased to \$46 from July 1, 1957. A second amendment provided for a further increase from November 1,

1957 to \$55 a month. Payment of assistance at the highest rate throughout the twelve months of 1958-59 accounted for a considerable part of the increase over 1957-58 when the amounts varied from \$40 to \$55 a month.

Further detailed statistics are shown in Parts 9 to 15 of this report.

2. *Amendments to the Act*

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act during the fiscal year 1958-59. The only changes in the Act since its inception in 1952 were made by amendments of 1957. These amendments increased the maximum amount of assistance and altered two of the main requirements that an applicant must fulfil in order to qualify for old age assistance, namely, residence in Canada and income. The following summary shows the changes made in the Act—

Period in force	Maximum assistance	Age requirement	Residence requirement	Maximum income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40 a month	65	20 years in Canada	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (married-blind spouse).
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46 a month	65	20 years in Canada	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (married-blind spouse).
After November 1, 1957	\$55 a month	65	10 years in Canada	\$ 960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (married-blind spouse).

The original Act, Chapter 55, Statutes of Canada, 1951, later became Chapter 199 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952. The amending Acts were Chapter 14, Statutes of Canada, 1957 (5th Session of the 22nd Parliament), bearing the short title "Appropriation Act No. 4, 1957," and Chapter 6, Statutes of Canada, 1957-58 (1st Session of the 23rd Parliament).

3. *Agreements with Provinces and Territories*

The agreements with the ten provinces and the two territories, as amended following the second amendment to the Old Age Assistance Act in 1957, continued in operation throughout 1958-59 without further changes. All agreements stipulate \$660 a year as the maximum assistance payable and permit the maximum amounts of income, including assistance, allowed by the Act as from November 1, 1957.

4. *Administration—Federal*

Federal administration is largely connected with federal payments to the provinces. Old age assistance is paid by the provinces under provincial law to the persons and under the conditions specified in the federal Act and regulations. Provided their decisions meet these conditions, the provinces are entitled to reimbursement by the Federal Government of 50 per cent of their expenditure.

The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare carries on a continuous examination of provincial records. The decisions on applications are reviewed in the provinces and the accounting records are audited at Ottawa.

The federal Act provides that before an agreement comes into operation the provincial scheme for administration must be approved by the Governor in Council. Changes in a scheme that is in operation also require approval.

5. *Administration—Provincial*

Provincial authorities administer their own Acts, taking into account the requirements of the federal Act and the regulations made under it. As at March 31, 1959, the following provincial Acts and regulations were in operation—

ALBERTA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 228, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955. (Old Age Assistance Regulations, Alberta Regulation 628/57, filed December 24, 1957, Order in Council 527/55).

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Old-age Assistance Act, Chapter 2, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session). (Old-age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 3032, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 189, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954. (Manitoba Regulation 26/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 53/57, filed June 28, 1957, and Manitoba Regulation 105/57, filed December 11, 1957).

NEW BRUNSWICK—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 163, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1306, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 61, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by No. 16, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, No. 46, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957, and No. 5, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 36, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO—

The Old Age Assistance Act, 1951, Chapter 2, Statutes of Ontario, 1951, (Second Session), as amended by Chapter 68, Statutes of Ontario, 1952, Chapter 51, Statutes of Ontario, 1955, Chapter 83, Statutes of Ontario, 1957 and Chapter 69, Statutes of Ontario, 1958. (Ontario Regulations 68/52, made February 7, 1952, and filed February 8, 1952, as amended by Ontario Regulations 217/56, made November 1, 1956, and filed November 5, 1956, and by Ontario Regulations 60/57, made March 14, 1957, and filed March 19, 1957).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 33, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 25, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957 and Chapter 26, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC -

An Act to Assist Persons Sixty-five to Seventy Years, Chapter 3, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 242, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 58, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 871, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session) and Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY—

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

Provincial authorities, which may be boards, commissions or directors, are responsible for dealing with applications for old age assistance. Provincial welfare departments, with the names of senior officials are shown below along with the provincial authorities as at March 31, 1959—

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. G. Hagen, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable W. D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable George Johnson, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable J. F. McNerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Acting Chief Welfare Officer—J. E. Anderson, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable S. J. Hefferton, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable Malcolm S. Leonard, Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Alexander A. MacIsaac, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—Fernand Dostie, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable T. J. Bentley, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—W. G. Brown, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority—H. J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. *Advisory Board and Regulations*

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Regulations during the fiscal year 1958-59. The Advisory Board, appointed by Order in Council P.C. 1954-97 of January 21, 1954, did not meet but toward the end of the year plans were being made to hold a meeting some time in 1959-60.

7. *Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions*

Although the Old Age Pensions Act has been inoperative since December 31, 1951, and has actually been repealed since March 31, 1954, there is still the occasional transaction affecting the total amount of the federal payments to the provinces under the Act. Again in 1958-59 there were several old cheques presented for payment as well as several amounts received as refunds. The federal share of the cheques payable to the provinces was \$164.11, and of the refunds received from the provinces, \$2,613.36.

In the summary that follows the federal share of both payments and refunds for 1958-59 are included. In addition an amount of \$107.49 has been added to the expenditure. This amount was paid out in 1958-59 although the provinces actually made their payments in 1957-58.

Province	Federal contributions to March 31, 1958	Federal contributions 1958-59	Refunds 1958-59	Federal contributions to March 31, 1959
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Alberta.....	49,470,855 17	—	—	49,470,855 17
British Columbia.....	75,479,764 86	—	2,613 36	75,477,151 50
Manitoba.....	57,432,305 32	—	—	57,432,305 32
New Brunswick.....	41,419,860 23	57 09	—	41,419,917 32
Newfoundland.....	9,143,756 48	—	—	9,143,756 48
Nova Scotia.....	53,628,457 18	—	—	53,628,457 18
Ontario.....	276,499,733 03	54 52	—	276,499,787 55
Prince Edward Island.....	6,542,975 91	—	—	6,542,975 91
Quebec.....	185,211,719 44	52 50	—	185,211,771 94
Saskatchewan.....	55,920,990 40	—	—	55,920,990 40
Northwest Territories.....	79,158 15	—	—	79,158 15
Yukon Territory.....	85,625 58	—	—	85,625 58
Total.....	810,915,201 75	164 11	2,613 36	810,912,752 50

NOTE—Including pensions for the blind the total expenditure at March 31, 1959, was \$836,841,207.25.

8. *Comparison with related Acts*

Federal participation in the payment of old age pensions by the provinces at the age of seventy was first provided for by the Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament in March of 1927. Ten years later in March, 1937, the Act was amended to include pensions for blind persons. Originally the federal share was fifty per cent. From 1931 it was seventy-five per cent. All pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act were paid subject to means tests.

The Old Age Pensions Act was in fact superseded by the Old Age Security Act which, from January 1, 1952, provided pensions entirely at Federal Government expense to persons over seventy who had twenty years' residence in Canada. There was no means test attached to the payment of these pensions.

At the same time that the Old Age Security Act came into operation two other new Acts were introduced, namely, the Old Age Assistance Act and the Blind Persons Act. Except that they applied to younger persons the provisions of these two Acts differed little in their essential features from the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act, both containing means tests, age and residence requirements. The federal share of blindness allowances was the same as under the Old Age Pensions Act, namely, seventy-five per cent. Assistance at sixty-five under the Old Age Assistance Act was shareable on a fifty-fifty basis.

In 1955 the Disabled Persons Act came into operation. The federal share of disability allowances payable subject to a means test was fixed at fifty per cent, the same as for old age assistance.

Actually each of the four Acts now in operation is entirely separate and distinct from the other three so far as the law itself is concerned. On the other hand, all four are closely related, so much so that where the practice is authorized, a recipient under any one of the three means test Acts may, without any action on his part, become a recipient of a pension under the Old Age Security Act. By making a new application, a recipient of a blindness or disability allowance may, at sixty-five, transfer to the simpler administration under the Old Age Assistance Act.

Because of the close relationship a summary of the main features of the plans under the four Acts as amended may be of interest.

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Provin- cial Acts and Terri- torial Ordinances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provin- cial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for shar- ing cost of assistance	Agreements for shar- ing cost of allow- ances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$55 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$ 960—unmarried 1,620—married 1,980—married- blind spouse	\$1,200—unmarried 1,680—unmarried— dependent child 1,980—married 2,100—married— blind spouse	\$ 960—unmarried 1,620—married 1,980—married— blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanatoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of sup- port in other insti- tutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blind- ness, disability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, dis- ability or war vet- erans allowance, old age security or pen- sion in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, max- imum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligi- bility set forth in provincial law	Province may specify maximum allow- ance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, max- imum allowance, maximum income allowed and any conditions of eligi- bility set forth in provincial law

9. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1959

	Act (Federal) operative as from						Nova Scotia
	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients.....	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	
Average monthly payment.....	50 02	51 96	51 98	51 62	53 20	49 40	
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	2.60%	3.43%	3.22%	2.67%	2.01%	2.83%	
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	19.54%	13.73%	17.27%	37.63%	61.11%	27.29%	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1958—March 31, 1959.....	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	1,877,243 00	2,291,661 85	1,572,889 81	1,829,265 76	1,715,386 07	1,611,693 19	
	9,261,017 41	13,429,302 46	8,422,129 31	9,784,417 51	7,537,390 14	8,083,649 10	

	Act (Federal) operative as from						Total
	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients.....	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Average monthly payment.....	48 96	44 45	51 88	51 35	51 02	55 00	\$
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	2.90%	3.40%	2.17%	3.20%	1.10%	1.57%	\$
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	13.28%	22.24%	32.23%	19.50%	58.49%	19.90%	\$
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1958—March 31, 1959.....	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	6,707,318 27	191,788 72	10,593,250 32	1,703,548 80	39,989 07	13,279 50	30,207,284 36
	36,798,475 74	789,259 12	56,010,403 18	8,746,999 54	150,443 68	35,825 98	159,049,313 17

*Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1958 except Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory which are based on 1956 census.
Average monthly assistance (Canada) \$50.97.

10. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE 1958-59 APPLICATIONS APPROVED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total.....	2,138	2,702	1,788	1,625	1,477	1,689	7,904	278	10,663	1,965	51	11	32,291
Male.....	1,118	1,272	746	739	708	755	3,257	119	4,771	1,019	28	5	14,537
Female.....	1,020	1,430	1,042	886	769	934	4,647	159	5,892	946	23	6	17,754
Married.....	1,077	1,130	940	961	969	832	3,209	153	5,787	1,135	31	5	16,229
Single.....	422	363	175	180	92	223	1,225	39	1,234	232	5	1	4,191
Widower.....	160	151	95	81	105	107	471	14	691	96	5	1	1,977
Widow.....	404	604	428	314	283	404	2,128	59	2,284	369	10	4	7,291
Separated.....	61	396	134	84	26	113	815	13	667	125	.....	.....	2,434
Divorced.....	14	58	16	5	2	10	56	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	169
Age 65.....	1,108	1,221	929	1,187	1,161	1,054	3,920	154	7,178	992	34	1	18,939
" 66.....	334	482	284	181	141	242	1,314	51	1,483	372	5	3	4,892
" 67.....	281	357	292	118	84	180	1,119	31	1,109	258	8	3	3,840
" 68.....	228	348	170	89	51	150	947	23	656	179	2	2	2,845
" 69.....	187	294	113	50	40	63	604	19	237	158	2	2	1,769
Over 70.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	6
In cities.....	764	1,614	639	243	190	157	3,810	30	4,444	543	.....	4	12,438
In towns.....	898	272	613	141	213	459	1,484	22	1,120	308	22	2	5,554
In villages.....	261	535	127	9	1,074	915	1,654	13	4,552	454	29	3	9,626
In farms.....	215	281	409	1,232	.....	158	956	213	547	660	.....	2	4,673
Own homes.....	1,072	1,164	913	1,042	1,197	1,050	3,110	181	3,649	1,273	43	6	14,700
Rented houses or apts.....	136	625	118	137	36	138	1,289	12	2,526	209	.....	2	5,228
Children—relatives.....	205	428	466	314	229	361	1,726	64	3,044	254	6	.....	7,097
Rented rooms.....	612	395	255	83	4	106	1,291	12	1,115	149	.....	.....	4,022
Public institutions.....	111	67	31	40	7	32	443	7	319	68	2	.....	1,127
Private institutions.....	2	23	5	9	4	2	45	2	10	12	.....	3	117
Number receiving regular annual income— Pension other than under Old Age Assistance Act..	381	237	59	84	77	162	527	5	644	54	.....	.....	2,230
Annuity of any kind.....	103	50	5	2	.....	5	110	.....	121	15	.....	.....	411
Spouses in receipt of old age security.....	181	373	244	228	170	227	869	30	959	229	8	.....	3,518
Number receiving unemployment insurance.....	119	219	29	103	125	138	709	9	624	1	.....	.....	2,076

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Ter.
Not 65 years of age..	115	67	69	54	17	77	261	16	131	122		1	
Unable to prove age		5		5			7		143	11			
Too much income...	183	200	98	161	54	171	888	43	699	111			2
Not sufficient residence.....	2	1	1	1		1	11		19	1			
Parents Maintenance Act.....			1										
Unable to prove residence.....				1			4						
Transfer of property.....			2				1		13				
War veteran's allowance.....			6	10	2	6	53	95	16	8			
Blind Persons Act.....						1							
Whereabouts unknown.....		15	2	2			21			6			
Refused information.....	22	23	6	2			18		35	16			
In jail.....							1						
Assistance private source.....		1		21						1			
Widows pension.....	1												
Over 70 years.....		13	8	10		8	18	2	18		3		
Old age security.....		5	5	10			3	1	3	10			
Disabled Persons Act.....			2										
Old Age Assistance Act.....	1												
Total.....	324	330	200	277	73	264	1,286	157	1,077	286	3	1	4

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Ter.
Withdrawn.....	38	90	32	16		36	97	5	111	80			5
Applicant deceased.....	10	24		4	4	8	76	3	33	19			1
Total.....	48	114	32	20	4	44	173	8	144	99			6

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Ter.
April 1, 1958—													
March 31, 1959.....	1,420	1,965	1,185	1,368	1,082	1,220	5,281	165	7,341	1,358	29	10	22,443
From inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	8,581	13,384	7,566	8,258	7,011	7,639	35,323	970	45,630	7,922	125	27	142,443

PROOF OF AGE

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Ter.
Age established by—													
Certificate of birth.....	1,037	1,502	775	463	25	355	4,338	65	398	859	1	1	9,811
Certificate of baptism.....	233	340	222	858	1,307	782	1,859	171	9,236	368	34	2	15,411
Census records alone.....	28	46	490	5	2	513	541	27	145	43	2		1,841
Old Bible records.....	5		34	25			20	13	10	5			11
Other records.....	698	733	216	271	137	39	1,023	2	862	685	11		4,671
Tribunal.....	137	81	51	3	6		123		12	5	3	8	42

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

--	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Single.....	477	733	406	230	152	309	2,272	53	2,286	322	7	4	7,251
Married couples.....	382	179	152	76	53	104	880	23	1,173	192	3	2	3,219

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

SINGLE

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																	
	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																	
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Less than \$ 500	11	26	23	27	48	64	195	63	49	2	507	144	429	87	84	22	110	1,074	1,287	46	2	3,285	33	6	16	9	15	54	36	13	65	20	4	271				
\$ 500 — 1,000	22	30	24	30	68	44	207	70	50	8	545	50	118	28	26	14	23	400	234	11	8	916	26	17	27	14	24	69	65	8	8	33	1	202				
1,001 — 1,500	17	52	27	18	22	12	208	43	36	1	438	30	45	15	12	1	8	211	84	6	4	411	38	26	30	38	28	39	96	12	80	40	1	427				
1,501 — 2,000	20	47	21	13	11	8	165	23	20	1	330	22	32	10	6	1	8	120	64	7	5	235	29	29	32	35	10	17	100	3	72	36	2	365				
2,001 — 3,000	20	98	16	10	20	10	212	45	20	8	451	17	25	5	10	5	1	53	26	6	1	218	28	69	40	36	12	31	191	2	115	38	559					
3,001 — 4,000	7	40	7	5	12	6	118	24	8	1	227	4	10	7	3	2	1	1	26	6	1	98	16	33	27	18	12	18	133	1	74	23	365					
4,001 — 5,000	3	10	1	2	4	2	15	20	8	1	107	3	2	1	1	1	1	6	5	1	13	2	10	22	16	5	8	5	84	5	15	232						
5,001 — 6,000	2	6	1	1	3	1	3	10	4	1	43	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	8	5	13	10	8	5	2	30	28	2	102							
6,001 — 7,000	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	15	2	1	59							
7,001 — 8,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	16							
8,001 — 9,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	6	2	25							
9,001 — 10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9						
Over 10,000	5	2	3	4	1	4	2	3	3	1	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	8	11	11							

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

MARRIED COUPLES

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																		
	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																		
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Less than \$ 500	25	49	29	18	61	118	324	1	144	33	9	1	608	146	435	69	88	13	32	657	3	1,282	22	6	2,714	17	18	13	40	22	177	26	6	407					
\$ 500 — 1,000	31	129	37	59	168	72	332	1	230	102	1	1	1,156	63	110	23	17	2	5	340	2	158	11	7	735	39	64	37	17	67	133	130	59	62	5	568			
1,001 — 1,500	28	130	37	43	129	32	251	1	182	52	1	1	936	25	64	8	5	2	6	230	1	21	7	1	370	28	116	69	59	89	162	150	239	344	17	1,031			
1,501 — 2,000	26	137	30	32	43	19	255	1	170	56	1	1	806	33	25	7	8	1	1	173	1	21	5	1	258	36	103	55	77	39	45	161	26	324	0	1,001			
2,001 — 3,000	25	116	23	27	42	12	322	1	170	29	1	1	706	27	17	8	8	1	1	224	1	21	5	1	312	27	165	76	141	56	60	301	14	505	8	1,001			
3,001 — 4,000	10	24	14	10	24	4	165	4	162	13	1	1	358	8	6	6	3	1	1	84	3	3	5	1	116	27	63	71	93	32	48	212	1	305	69	1,022			
4,001 — 5,000	5	7	9	2	13	75	28	1	121	4	1	1	162	2	1	1	1	1	1	58	3	3	1	1	60	20	32	79	60	17	25	166	1	135	50	534			
5,001 — 6,000	3	2	1	5	5	28	16	1	26	4	1	1	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	1	23	13	12	17	40	6	9	95	93	27	312	394			
6,001 — 7,000	1	1	1	1	1	5	16	1	16	5	1	1	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	14	4	12	17	4	8	55	44	13	162	312				
7,001 — 8,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	16	2	1	1	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	13	4	12	17	4	8	55	44	13	162	312				
8,001 — 9,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	13	4	12	17	4	8	55	44	13	162	312				
9,001 — 10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	13	4	12	17	4	8	55	44	13	162	312				
Over 10,000	4	3	3	4	1	3	3	1	3	3	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	48

11. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	46	73	16	16	.....	1	53	1	67	23	.....	.....	266
1952-53.....	769	1,498	684	789	700	549	3,575	78	4,108	782	.....	.....	13,354
1953-54.....	1,078	1,851	1,015	1,103	1,029	937	4,689	127	5,095	945	1	.....	18,352
1954-55.....	1,202	2,081	1,168	1,257	1,071	1,281	5,065	143	5,493	1,067	15	.....	20,377
1955-56.....	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,301	1,041	1,300	5,244	169	5,730	1,169	20	.....	21,931
1956-57.....	1,376	1,877	1,155	1,300	1,024	1,231	5,628	144	7,394	1,268	18	.....	22,616
1957-58.....	1,420	1,955	1,185	1,368	1,082	1,220	5,381	165	7,341	1,358	26	.....	22,256
1958-59.....	8,581	13,354	7,566	8,258	7,011	7,639	35,223	970	45,030	7,922	29	10	22,424
Total.....											125	27	142,456

12. Number of Recipients at End of Each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	5,037	2,271	12,607	305	13,267	2,407	.....	.....	41,601
1952-53.....	5,034	7,035	1,459	5,271	5,137	2,333	20,401	551	30,140	4,705	.....	.....	57,675
1953-54.....	5,093	8,134	4,838	5,756	5,124	2,473	22,897	594	32,391	4,584	57	.....	63,273
1954-55.....	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	2,478	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	64	.....	64,625
1955-56.....	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	2,681	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	90	12	64,023
1956-57.....	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,803	2,650	20,714	589	31,031	4,963	102	31	59,967
1957-58.....	5,715	6,905	4,474	5,724	5,119	2,519	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	62,484
1958-59.....	5,752	6,969	4,486	5,771	5,211	2,501	21,210	665	32,402	5,148	110	39	62,454
April.....	5,862	6,937	4,566	5,809	5,237	2,533	21,383	675	32,628	5,241	112	39	63,602
May.....	5,897	6,966	4,611	5,840	5,285	2,582	21,613	690	33,065	5,341	120	39	64,589
June.....	5,903	6,935	4,647	5,862	5,301	2,528	21,752	699	33,149	5,375	123	38	65,112
July.....	5,913	7,003	4,710	5,878	5,319	2,549	21,970	717	33,405	5,433	123	36	65,856
August.....	5,934	7,002	4,717	5,884	5,292	2,554	22,113	718	33,656	5,469	123	36	66,208
September.....	5,942	7,055	4,728	5,901	5,307	2,539	22,133	722	33,747	5,486	130	38	66,664
October.....	5,963	7,096	4,763	5,890	5,328	2,456	22,366	741	33,971	5,501	123	38	67,302
November.....	5,941	7,141	4,804	5,873	5,351	2,477	22,450	746	33,590	5,473	128	39	66,975
December.....	6,000	7,200	4,850	5,900	5,350	2,450	22,500	750	33,600	5,480	125	39	67,500
January.....	6,065	7,265	4,910	5,960	5,365	2,482	22,570	740	33,174	5,521	125	37	68,267
February.....	6,065	7,265	4,910	5,960	5,365	2,482	22,570	740	33,174	5,521	125	37	68,267
March.....	6,066	7,276	4,886	5,946	5,358	2,485	22,581	736	31,134	5,537	124	38	67,856

13. Number and percentage of recipients as at March 31, 1959, receiving maximum and reduced assistance payments

Province	\$55	\$50-54.99	\$45-49.99	\$40-44.99	\$35-39.99	\$30-34.99	\$25-29.99	\$20-24.99	\$15-19.99	\$10-14.99	\$5-9.99	Less than \$5	Total
Alta.....	No. 4,759 78.07	287 4.71	204 3.35	102 2.66	144 2.36	129 2.12	81 1.34	76 1.24	57 .93	50 .82	31 .50	116 1.90	6,096
B.C.....	No. 5,946 81.72	324 4.45	342 3.33	160 2.20	132 1.92	132 1.82	102 1.40	81 1.11	58 .80	46 .63	26 .36	19 .26	7,276
Man.....	No. 4,032 83.37	191 3.95	143 2.96	99 2.05	67 1.39	65 1.34	51 1.05	28 .56	119 2.46	19 .39	14 .29	8 .17	4,836
N.B.....	No. 4,408 76.07	421 7.26	259 4.47	206 3.55	166 2.86	88 1.52	72 1.24	62 1.07	51 .86	36 .62	23 .40	3 .06	5,795
Nfld.....	No. 4,689 37.19	209 3.89	123 2.29	105 1.95	72 1.34	55 1.02	46 .86	28 .52	18 .33	16 .30	11 .20	6 .11	5,378
N.S.....	No. 3,293 60.03	778 14.19	381 6.35	256 4.67	212 3.87	176 3.21	131 2.39	100 1.82	76 1.38	34 .62	30 .54	18 .33	5,485
Ont.....	No. 15,613 74.23	1,016 4.54	690 3.08	610 2.73	556 2.48	512 2.29	413 1.85	320 1.43	231 1.03	181 .80	1,015 4.54	224 1.00	22,381
P.E.I.....	No. 275 36.38	102 13.49	81 10.71	75 9.92	66 8.73	54 7.14	35 4.63	30 3.97	14 1.85	15 1.98	9 1.20	.....	756
Que.....	No. 27,631 80.95	1,438 4.21	1,292 3.79	931 2.73	737 2.16	696 1.78	477 1.40	287 .84	292 .86	217 .53	174 .51	52 .15	34,134
Sask.....	No. 4,413 79.70	307 5.54	186 3.36	147 2.65	95 1.72	85 1.54	49 .90	52 .94	50 .90	29 .52	111 2.00	13 .23	5,537
N.W.T.....	No. 111 89.51	1 .81	1 .81	.....	1 .81	.....	1 .81	1 .81	.....	.....	8 6.44	.....	124
Y.T.....	No. 38 100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38
Total.....	% 76,208 77.89	5,074 5.19	3,602 3.68	2,751 2.81	2,956 2.31	1,902 1.94	1,458 1.49	1,065 1.09	966 .99	643 .66	1,452 1.48	459 .47	97,896

14. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta		British Columbia		Manitoba		New Brunswick		Newfoundland		Nova Scotia		Ontario		Prince Edward Island		Quebec		Saskatchewan		Northwest Territories		Yukon Territory		Total	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1951-52.....	144,051 36	262,668 27	106,689 51	165,637 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95,673 45	672,512 10	6,532 45	690,081 24	133,392 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,277,238 49
1952-53.....	967,948 40	1,701,854 47	1,036,021 86	1,113,921 31	833,898 50	838,059 70	4,586,572 90	66,313 41	6,927,593 20	997,396 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,128,837 37
1953-54.....	1,107,190 01	1,863,051 08	1,112,322 18	1,248,339 19	896,428 59	1,028,756 25	4,726,152 91	85,985 94	7,187,259 43	1,017,535 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	880 00 20 288,152 60
1954-55.....	1,165,331 91	1,872,909 14	1,119,638 96	1,285,005 23	898,972 70	1,063,165 10	4,858,692 93	98,531 00	7,392,922 60	1,089,704 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,220 48 20 869,126 00
1955-56.....	1,240,451 08	1,788,308 64	1,111,603 66	1,303,188 68	877,212 91	1,046,927 35	4,918,977 94	99,659 66	7,357,373 13	1,150,402 27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,080 00 20 918,186 11
1956-57.....	1,220,050 48	1,669,790 16	1,065,848 06	1,270,064 34	1,016,721 40	1,026,319 49	4,677,997 96	98,220 39	7,459,030 50	1,159,832 81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,640 00 20 399,104 92
1957-58.....	1,538,750 51	1,979,055 25	1,297,115 27	1,559,905 44	1,298,769 97	1,318,054 57	5,650,280 73	142,257 55	8,702,892 76	1,435,187 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,726 00 24 961,383 23
1958-59.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April 1958.....	153,709 43	190,083 14	131,043 44	152,504 88	142,366 69	131,140 35	548,204 81	14,932 51	873,477 04	142,703 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,082 95
May 1958.....	155,861 67	188,827 41	130,411 78	153,402 25	141,188 81	132,913 57	558,840 92	15,192 46	872,438 14	146,812 54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,057 95
June 1958.....	156,394 92	194,530 01	130,322 04	152,996 54	143,236 15	134,114 16	566,772 79	15,518 18	887,532 26	148,312 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,465 76
July 1958.....	157,780 78	190,980 85	131,154 19	154,466 38	143,057 19	133,889 91	556,770 64	15,634 99	883,662 70	147,006 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,358 36
August 1958.....	156,483 65	188,394 26	130,974 63	153,877 88	142,554 72	133,710 56	568,752 16	16,115 73	887,938 57	148,896 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,489 18
September 1958.....	157,675 81	190,647 51	132,246 82	154,637 71	142,150 85	134,941 49	598,458 74	15,992 86	891,589 84	147,084 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,234 67
October 1958.....	157,274 03	190,162 15	133,327 76	154,318 05	143,316 13	136,517 86	565,031 71	16,096 27	888,216 28	148,101 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,644 67
November 1958.....	160,955 34	192,044 75	132,718 97	153,400 53	143,908 48	136,772 64	579,998 10	16,330 34	893,035 43	148,377 14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,397 18
December 1958.....	157,705 02	195,167 88	131,522 05	152,867 79	143,597 86	136,569 51	572,681 30	16,617 73	873,677 96	148,476 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,474 40
January 1959.....	158,898 35	191,698 20	134,720 12	151,164 84	143,678 24	136,513 57	542,300 81	16,411 16	899,720 35	147,683 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,423 43
February 1959.....	159,848 40	194,480 10	130,264 13	151,001 62	143,957 46	136,540 34	552,487 34	16,233 10	898,821 61	148,029 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,408 57
March 1959.....	160,712 00	195,592 35	131,162 08	149,474 58	144,396 55	136,093 98	550,556 06	16,907 19	893,907 76	147,682 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,152 96
Total.....	1,893,390 30	2,299,518 55	1,579,808 01	1,834,122 05	1,717,449 13	1,619,687 94	5,730,855 02	191,982 52	10,644,017 94	1,769,176 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,279 50 30 393,438 07
Deduct— Amounts recovered account of overpay- ments.....	32,114 61	15,713 39	13,956 40	9,712 57	4,168 12	15,929 50	47,075 31	447 00	101,535 25	11,254 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	252,307 41
Add— Amounts reimbursed provinces account of overpayments.....	16,057 31	7,556 69	6,978 20	4,856 28	2,083 06	7,994 75	23,537 66	223 80	50,767 03	5,467 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126,153 70
Total 1958-59.....	1,877,243 00	2,291,661 85	1,572,839 81	1,829,265 76	1,715,386 07	1,611,693 19	5,707,318 27	191,758 72	10,593,250 32	1,768,548 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,279 50 30 207,284 36

15. Population by age group for Canada and the provinces at June 1, 1958 as estimated by
the Dominion Bureau of Statistics

(In thousands)

Sex and Age	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.
Total.....	17,048.0	438.0	100.0	710.0	577.0	4,884.0	5,803.0	870.0	888.0	1,201.0	1,544.0	13.0	20.0
0-4.....	2,148.7	69.4	12.5	90.0	78.2	640.9	693.5	104.6	113.0	164.0	177.2	2.2	3.2
5-9.....	1,917.1	60.9	12.3	82.7	73.7	580.4	612.8	94.7	100.6	137.8	157.0	1.6	2.6
10-14.....	1,598.0	50.6	10.6	72.1	63.4	504.6	490.9	79.1	84.8	109.8	127.2	1.0	1.9
15-19.....	1,266.1	38.4	8.4	58.4	50.0	402.8	386.0	64.0	68.8	87.0	99.9	0.7	1.7
20-24.....	1,186.5	31.2	6.3	49.4	39.1	366.3	391.8	58.3	56.7	85.1	99.6	0.9	1.8
25-29.....	1,226.5	28.1	5.3	44.8	34.6	365.1	431.5	57.7	56.6	89.9	109.7	1.3	1.9
30-34.....	1,282.1	26.2	5.3	44.8	35.2	363.2	459.6	60.3	58.7	90.3	115.4	1.4	1.7
35-39.....	1,173.7	26.0	5.6	45.4	34.7	326.5	421.6	59.2	57.8	83.2	111.2	1.1	1.3
40-44.....	1,071.6	23.5	5.6	43.5	32.8	292.4	381.5	55.8	55.2	73.9	105.5	0.8	1.1
45-49.....	937.7	19.9	5.2	38.4	29.1	254.2	334.5	50.2	49.3	63.6	91.8	0.6	0.9
50-54.....	777.9	15.4	4.5	31.0	23.5	208.5	283.9	41.5	41.0	52.7	74.8	0.5	0.6
55-59.....	687.5	12.9	4.0	26.3	20.3	170.0	245.5	35.9	35.3	43.7	62.8	0.3	0.5
60-64.....	541.2	10.7	3.7	23.0	17.7	133.5	201.6	30.6	30.4	35.3	54.2	0.2	0.3
65-69.....	463.1	8.8	3.4	20.1	15.4	105.9	168.5	28.0	28.4	31.2	53.0	0.2	0.2
70-74.....	382.1	7.3	3.0	17.1	12.9	80.7	137.9	23.6	24.4	26.0	48.9	0.1	0.2
75-79.....	247.9	4.9	2.1	12.0	8.7	50.4	89.8	15.2	15.8	16.2	32.6	0.1	0.1
80-84.....	125.5	2.5	1.3	6.8	4.8	25.4	46.4	7.4	7.5	7.6	15.8	*	*
85-89.....	50.3	1.0	0.6	3.1	2.1	10.0	19.2	3.0	2.8	2.8	5.7	*	*
90+.....	16.5	0.3	0.3	1.1	0.8	3.1	6.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.7	*	*

*Less than 50.

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*To His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1960, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1960.

The Honourable J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,
Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1960.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

FISCAL YEAR 1959-60

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

The ten provinces and the two territories provided old age assistance during the fiscal year 1959-60. There were 98,773 recipients as at March 31, 1960 and federal payments to the provinces for the year totalled \$30,347,548.06. The federal contribution was fifty per cent.

Of the 32,906 applications considered by provincial authorities during the fiscal year 28,628 were approved, 3,602 were declined and 676 were not completed. Of the 676 not completed there were 490 where the applicants withdrew their applications and 186 where the applicants died before their cases were settled. There were 22,719 recipients of old age assistance who attained the age of seventy years and were granted federal pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

As at June 1, 1959, the estimated population in the age group sixty-five to sixty-nine was 467,900. Persons receiving old age assistance as at March 31, 1960, were about twenty-one per cent of that number.

Federal payments from January 1, 1952, the date on which the Old Age Assistance Act came into operation, to March 31, 1960 totalled \$189,396,861.23. The number of recipients transferred to the administration of the Old Age Security Act during the same period was 165,155.

The following is a summary of the operations under the Old Age Assistance Act during the last seven fiscal years—

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1953-54.....	30,416	5,530	18,392	93,273	20,283,152 60
1954-55.....	27,688	5,034	20,987	94,625	20,869,126 09
1955-56.....	25,820	4,689	21,931	93,023	20,918,186 11
1956-57.....	24,423	4,637	22,616	89,907	20,399,104 92
1957-58.....	28,638	4,480	22,256	92,484	24,961,383 23
1958-59.....	32,291	4,964	22,424	97,836	30,207,284 36
1959-60.....	28,628	4,278	22,719	98,773	30,347,548 06

The maximum assistance was increased twice in 1957-58, the first increase being from \$40 to \$46 a month effective July 1, 1957, and the second, from \$46 to \$55 a month, effective November 1, 1957. On both occasions the maximum amounts of income allowed were also increased.

Further statistical information furnished by the provinces is shown in Parts 10 to 15 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

The Act was not amended during the fiscal year 1959-60. Since its inception the main provisions have been as follows—

Period	Maximum assistance	Age requirement	Residence requirement	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40 a month	65	20 years in Canada	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46 a month	65	20 years in Canada	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouse)
From November 1, 1957	\$55 a month	65	10 years in Canada	\$ 960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

The agreements with the provinces and territories continued in force throughout 1959-60 without any change. All agreements provide for the maximum assistance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed as specified in the Act.

The Province of Manitoba changed its scheme for administration with effect from June 30, 1959, by amending The Old Age Assistance Act (Manitoba) to provide that applications were to be made directly to the provincial authority instead of to local authorities. The change was approved by federal Order in Council P.C. 1959-10/1248 of October 1, 1959.

4. Administration—Federal

The Old Age Assistance Division is responsible for establishing the amounts payable to the provinces under the Old Age Assistance Act. The federal share of fifty per cent is payable where the province pays assistance in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act and regulations. The provinces' decisions are reviewed by federal examiners stationed in provincial offices and provincial accounts are checked at Ottawa. The federal share is paid monthly.

The Act provides for federal approval of each provincial scheme for administration and also of any change in a scheme that is in effect. The supervision of provincial schemes is part of federal administration.

5. Administration—Provincial

Old age assistance is administered by the provinces under the authority of provincial legislation. The following provincial Acts and regulations were in force as at March 31, 1960—

ALBERTA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 228, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955. (Old Age Assistance Regulations, Alberta Regulation 628/57, filed December 24, 1957, Order in Council 527/55, as amended by Alberta Regulation 107/58, filed April 16, 1958, Order in Council 552/58).

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Old-age Assistance Act, Chapter 2, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session). (Old-age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 3032, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 189, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 43, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session). (Manitoba Regulation 26/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 53/57, filed June 28, 1957, and Manitoba Regulation 105/57, filed December 11, 1957).

NEW BRUNSWICK—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 163, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1306, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 61, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by No. 16, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, No. 46, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957, and No. 5, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 36, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO—

The Old Age Assistance Act, 1951, Chapter 2, Statutes of Ontario, 1951, (Second Session), as amended by Chapter 68, Statutes of Ontario, 1952, Chapter 51, Statutes of Ontario, 1955, Chapter 83, Statutes of Ontario, 1957 and Chapter 69, Statutes of Ontario, 1958. (Ontario Regulations 68/52, made February 7, 1952, and filed February 8, 1952, as amended by Ontario Regulations 217/56, made November 1, 1956, and filed November 5, 1956, and by Ontario Regulations 60/57, made March 14, 1957, and filed March 19, 1957).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 33, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 25, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957 and Chapter 26, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC—

An Act to Assist Persons Sixty-five to Seventy Years, Chapter 3, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52 as amended by Chapter 9, Statutes of Quebec, 1956 and Chapter 65, Statutes of Quebec, 1959. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 242, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 58, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 871, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session) and Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY—

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

Provincial administration of old age assistance is the responsibility of provincial authorities appointed by the provinces. The following is a list of the provincial authorities with the names of the provincial welfare departments, the Ministers, Deputy Ministers and chief administrative officers as at March 31, 1960—

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.
Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—R. G. Hagen, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.
Minister—Honourable W. D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.
Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.
Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.
Minister—Honourable George Johnson, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.
Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.
Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.
Acting Chief Welfare Officer—J. E. Anderson, Department of Health and Social Services.
Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.
Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.
Minister—Honourable B. J. Abbott, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.
Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister—Honourable Malcolm S. Leonard, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—F. R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.
Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.
Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.
Minister—Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.
Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.
Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable Jean Jacques Bertrand, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—Fernand Dostie, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable T. J. Bentley, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—W. G. Brown, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority—H. J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. *Advisory Board and Regulations*

The Advisory Board established by subsection (3) of section 11 of the Act met in Ottawa on September 28th and 29th, 1959, and recommended a number of changes in the Old Age Assistance Regulations. However, the changes had not been implemented by March 31, 1960.

The meeting in 1959 was the fifth since 1951 when federal and provincial authorities met on July 16th and 17th to consider regulations under the new Old Age Assistance Act. Other meetings were held on January 25th and 26th, 1954, September 20th and 21st, 1954 and November 5th and 6th, 1956.

The following are the main points considered by the Advisory Board at its meeting in 1959—

1. Particular reference in application forms to unemployment insurance and relief;
2. The procedure to be followed where a recipient refunds all amounts paid to him and later applies again for assistance;
3. An alternative income charge where it is not possible to establish the immediate realizable value of a mortgage or agreement for sale and or where the value is not considered by the provincial authority to be fair and reasonable;
4. A procedure for permitting the deduction of the cost of farm operating expenses from payments under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act;
5. Changing the procedure for calculating the income value of personal property, all calculations to be based on 60 months and taking into account additional changes in marital status and nursing home accounts in deciding whether recalculations should be made;
6. Provision for recalculation under the rules applying to real property where personal property owned by the recipient is used to acquire real property to be used as a home or to repair or improve real property either owned or acquired and used as a home;
7. Authority to pay assistance up to the amount to which a recipient is entitled for the year where assistance is suspended at the recipient's request and later reinstated;

8. An extension of the period of absence from Canada for which assistance can be paid from 92 to 153 days;
9. Provision for the payment of assistance for the month in which a recipient commences to serve a term of imprisonment and for the month he is released;
10. The deletion of the requirement that the recipient must have been guilty of fraud or misrepresentation in order to allow recovery of an over-payment by monthly deductions from assistance payments;
11. The deletion of the provision requiring the audit of provincial accounts by the provincial auditor;
12. Provision for the distribution between the Government of Canada and the provinces of amounts recovered by federal authorities on account of sums owed to the provinces by recipients.

7. *Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions*

Regular payments under the Old Age Pensions Act ceased at December 31, 1951, and the Act was repealed as of March 31, 1954. Each year there has been a number of transactions involving uncashed cheques and refunds. In 1959-60 there were no federal payments to the provinces on account of uncashed cheques. The federal share of refunds received by the provinces was \$1,456.35.

The effect of these items in the total federal expenditure under the Old Age Pensions Act is shown in the following summary—

Province	Federal contributions to March 31, 1959	Federal contributions 1959-60	Refunds 1959-60	Federal contributions to March 31, 1960
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Alberta.....	49,470,855 17			49,470,855 17
British Columbia.....	75,477,151 50		1,456 35	75,475,695 15
Manitoba.....	57,432,305 32			57,432,305 32
New Brunswick.....	41,419,917 32			41,419,917 32
Newfoundland.....	9,143,756 48			9,143,756 48
Nova Scotia.....	53,628,457 18			53,628,457 18
Ontario.....	276,499,787 55			276,499,787 55
Prince Edward Island.....	6,542,975 91			6,542,975 91
Quebec.....	185,211,771 94			185,211,771 94
Saskatchewan.....	55,920,990 40			55,920,990 40
Northwest Territories.....	79,158 15			79,158 15
Yukon Territory.....	85,625 58			85,625 58
Total.....	810,912,752 50		1,456 35	810,911,296 15

NOTE—Including pensions for the blind the total expenditure at March 31, 1960 was \$836,839,750.90.

8. *Comparison with related Acts*

There were no changes during 1959-60 in the federal-provincial plans for providing old age assistance, blindness allowances and disability allowances. The federal plan for paying old age security also remained unchanged. However, the speech from the Throne on January 14, 1959, referred to an amendment to be made to the Old Age Security Act during the 1960 session of Parliament to establish a basis for payment of pensions to Canadians residing outside of Canada. The main features of the four plans as at March 31, 1960 were as follows—

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordi- nances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$55 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$ 960—unmarried 1,620—married 1,980—married— blind spouse	\$1,200—unmarried 1,680—unmarried— dependent child 1,980—married 2,100—married— blind spouse	\$ 960—unmarried 1,620—married 1,980—married— blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanatoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allowance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allowance, old age security or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assist- ance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may specify maximum allow- ance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allow- ance, maximum income allowed and any conditions of eligibility set forth in provincial law

9. *Changes from inception of old age pensions*

1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent March 31, 1927.

1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931, to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records—Date of Assent August 3, 1931.

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over—Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pension Act—P.C. 6367, dated August, 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension—P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being —
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- (Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year—Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 1949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada—Date of Assent March 25, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.
- 1951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada—Date of Assent May 31, 1951.
- 1951 The following Acts passed by Parliament—
- (a) Old Age Security Act—Date of Assent December 21, 1951.
(This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test. The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repealed the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).

(b) Old Age Assistance Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the provinces. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old age assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).

(c) Blind Persons Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).

1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.

1952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.

1954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent June 26, 1954.

1955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.

1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent June 28, 1955.

1957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

1957 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.

1957 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid—Date of Assent November 7, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

1959 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.

1959 Old Age Security Act amended to increase the Old Age Security tax from 2 to 3 per cent—Date of Assent June 4, 1959.

	Act (Federal) operative as from									
	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia				
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.....	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,882	5,377	5,477				
Average monthly payment.....	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.				
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	50 52	51 67	51 55	51 83	53 15	48 82				
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	2 54	3 31	3 18	2 61	1 96	2 82				
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1959—March 31, 1960.....	20 05	14 21	17 79	36 90	61 10	27 11				
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	1,955,162 45	2,353,754 69	1,580,918 16	1,788,776 68	1,736,290 55	1,619,202 85				
	11,216,179 86	15,783,057 15	10,003,047 47	11,573,194 19	9,273,680 69	9,702,851 95				

	Act (Federal) operative as from					
	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952
Number of recipients.....	22,544	750	34,312	5,726	128	52
Average monthly payment.....	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	48 79	45 69	51 69	50 64	52 39	54 80
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	2 88	3 33	2 17	3 13	1 10	1 57
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1959—March 31, 1960.....	13 15	22 06	31 65	20 30	60 38	27 23
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	6,608,442 02	204,795 00	10,688,151 37	1,757,262 44	40,266 95	14,524 00
	43,406,918 66	994,054 12	66,698,554 55	10,504,261 93	190,710 63	50,349 98
						30,347,548 06
						189,396,861 23

*Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1959 except Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory which are based on 1956 census.
Average monthly assistance (Canada) \$50.74.

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE 1959-60 APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.
Total.....	2,072	2,405	1,581	1,420	1,265	1,380	7,097	217	9,344	1,794	34	19
Male.....	1,066	1,085	667	610	574	548	2,933	88	4,046	931	19	10
Female.....	1,006	1,320	914	810	691	832	4,164	129	5,298	863	15	9
Married.....	1,088	1,055	798	855	855	673	2,985	110	4,968	996	19	12
Single.....	412	333	195	161	80	189	1,072	43	1,159	233	2	2
Widower.....	151	130	84	56	69	64	394	10	560	106	6	1
Widow.....	380	487	380	268	241	352	1,848	44	2,056	323	7	3
Separated.....	29	346	109	73	20	96	742	10	601	125		
Divorced.....	12	54	15	7		6	56			11		1
Age 65.....	1,248	1,309	907	1,130	1,065	957	3,780	121	6,997	999	20	5
" 66.....	283	335	244	120	88	162	1,202	31	896	303	5	4
" 67.....	215	289	179	78	51	114	802	21	579	204	1	7
" 68.....	192	257	152	58	37	103	826	23	617	176	4	2
" 69.....	134	215	99	32	24	44	487	21	255	110	4	1
Over 70.....				2						2		
In cities.....	729	1,369	563	230	147	132	3,423	34	3,814	502		3
In towns.....	967	165	438	153	158	359	1,362	28	1,086	306	8	5
In villages.....	30	579	162	5	960	792	1,458	5	4,022	426	26	16
On farms.....	346	292	418	1,032		97	854	150	422	560		4
Own homes.....	1,070	1,045	748	868	1,031	828	2,902	129	3,080	1,093	24	15
Rented house or apts.....	136	791	165	118	25	94	1,087	23	2,231	212		1
Children—relatives.....	251	389	450	293	187	344	1,539	49	2,675	211	10	3
Rented rooms.....	524	95	170	98	7	81	1,082	5	1,094	130		3
Public institutions.....	90	60	45	30	13	32	455	8	264	126		1
Private institutions.....	1	25	3	13	2	1	32	3		22		
Number receiving regular annual income.....												
Pension other than under Old Age Assistance Act.....	177	221	55	55	68	132	472	1	600	54		1
Annuity of any kind.....	66	36	5			1	62	1	95	18	8	
Spouses in receipt of old age security.....	212	371	256	233	180	225	781	13	861	230	4	2
Number receiving unemployment insurance.....	47	157	21	86	82	96	478	10	664	3		1

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES

FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 TO 1959-60

Age	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
Total	29,344 ¹	52,290 ²	30,416	27,688	25,820	24,423	28,638	32,291	28,628
65 %	5,465 18.62	18,742 35.84	17,938 58.98	16,969 61.28	16,129 62.47	15,793 64.67	17,001 59.36	18,939 58.65	18,538 64.75
66 %	5,888 20.07	9,895 18.92	4,143 13.62	3,787 13.68	3,494 13.53	3,311 13.56	4,725 16.50	4,892 15.15	3,673 12.83
67 %	6,467 22.03	9,288 17.76	3,323 10.92	2,888 10.43	2,691 10.42	2,280 9.34	3,141 10.97	3,840 11.89	2,540 8.87
68 %	6,390 21.78	8,457 16.17	2,870 9.44	2,391 8.64	2,109 8.17	1,867 7.64	2,222 7.76	2,845 8.81	2,447 8.55
69 %	5,134 17.50	5,908 11.30	2,142 7.04	1,653 5.97	1,396 5.41	1,172 4.79	1,544 5.39	1,769 5.48	1,426 4.98
70 %	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 .004	.....	5 .02	6 .02	4 .01

¹ Three months, January 1 to March 31, 1952.

² and ² Ontario figures not included.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
at 65 years of age.....	107	68	32	16	21	58	184	7	135	91	.....	.....	755
able to prove age.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
no much income.....	271	197	77	151	41	138	639	43	726	126	.....	.....	2,409
not sufficient residence.....	4	1	.....	2	.....	1	7	3	21	2	.....	.....	44
able to prove residence.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
transfer of property.....	8	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	19
or veteran's allowance.....	1	4	10	13	1	7	52	6	18	1	.....	.....	113
and Persons Act.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
whereabouts unknown.....	1	6	2	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	25
refused information.....	3	19	12	1	1	.....	21	.....	31	11	.....	.....	99
fail.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
assistance private source.....	3	3	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	11
over 70 years.....	.....	11	1	16	.....	8	11	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	74
life security.....	.....	1	2	1	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	27
disabled Persons Act.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
and Age Assistance Act.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Total.....	400	315	110	242	67	215	946	59	967	251	.....	.....	3,692

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Withdrawn.....	22	72	39	27	2	25	110	3	111	78	1	.....	490
applicant deceased.....	16	18	7	8	4	7	70	.....	41	15	.....	.....	186
Total.....	38	90	46	35	6	32	180	3	152	93	1	.....	676

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.
April 1, 1959—March 31, 1960...	1,498	1,900	1,179	1,310	1,048	1,199	5,527	174	7,454	1,398	23	9
From inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	10,079	15,284	8,745	9,568	8,059	8,838	40,850	1,144	53,084	9,320	148	36

PROOF OF AGE

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.
Age established by—												
Certificate of birth.....	865	1,343	733	415	20	306	3,798	45	413	881	1	2
Certificate of baptism.....	241	272	180	777	1,140	665	1,763	139	8,009	238	16	2
Census records alone.....	1	14	403	4	6	374	491	28	115	20		
Old Bible records.....	1		5	22			12	2	9	1		
Other records.....	844	759	186	200	95	34	929	2	790	653	14	2
Tribunal.....	120	17	74	2	4	1	104	1	8	1	3	13

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.
Single.....	683	609	346	218	142	263	2,063	51	2,092	372	7	4
Married couples.....	494	145	175	80	52	90	806	18	974	117	2	4

SINGLE

	REAL														PERSONAL														REAL AND PERSONAL													
	REAL														PERSONAL														REAL AND PERSONAL													
	Alm.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	N.H.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alm.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	N.H.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total																
Less than \$ 500	2	19	14	27	48	47	90	2	60	28	...	5	343	117	230	92	81	21	99	504	1	1,174	55	9	3	2,373	38	7	8	3	40	25	6	47	22	1	202					
\$ 500 - 1,000	2	21	28	16	60	26	85	1	57	38	...	1	331	161	73	33	31	2	71	288	...	227	16	712	16	32	6	20	45	62	3	84	28	...	230					
1,001 - 1,500	1	14	22	15	22	13	75	...	39	22	225	13	31	24	17	...	21	288	...	227	16	251	3	26	26	4	30	41	7	98	37	...	310					
1,501 - 2,000	1	1	14	22	15	22	75	...	39	22	225	13	31	24	17	...	21	288	...	227	16	251	3	26	26	4	30	41	7	98	37	...	299					
2,001 - 3,000	2	17	11	8	9	5	91	51	32	18	135	9	18	11	9	...	4	50	1	18	11	182	1	40	14	7	16	91	3	67	25	...	335					
3,001 - 4,000	2	17	11	8	5	9	51	51	32	18	135	9	18	11	9	...	4	50	1	18	11	182	1	40	14	7	16	91	3	67	25	...	322					
4,001 - 5,000	2	3	1	2	5	1	11	8	28	7	98	6	8	5	4	1	2	72	...	15	28	1	2	45	2	12	136	3	85	18	...	187					
5,001 - 6,000	2	3	1	2	5	1	11	8	28	7	98	6	8	5	4	1	2	72	...	15	28	1	2	45	2	12	136	3	85	18	...	187					
6,001 - 7,000	2	3	1	2	5	1	11	8	28	7	98	6	8	5	4	1	2	72	...	15	28	1	2	45	2	12	136	3	85	18	...	187					
7,001 - 8,000	2	3	1	2	5	1	11	8	28	7	98	6	8	5	4	1	2	72	...	15	28	1	2	45	2	12	136	3	85	18	...	187					
8,001 - 9,000	2	3	1	2	5	1	11	8	28	7	98	6	8	5	4	1	2	72	...	15	28	1	2	45	2	12	136	3	85	18	...	187					
9,001 - 10,000	2	3	1	2	5	1	11	8	28	7	98	6	8	5	4	1	2	72	...	15	28	1	2	45	2	12	136	3	85	18	...	187					
Over 10,000	2	3	1	2	5	1	11	8	28	7	98	6	8	5	4	1	2	72	...	15	28	1	2	45	2	12	136	3	85	18	...	187					
	2	19	14	27	48	47	90	2	60	28	...	5	343	117	230	92	81	21	99	504	1	1,174	55	9	3	2,373	38	7	8	3	40	25	6	47	22	1	202					
	2	19	14	27	48	47	90	2	60	28	...	5	343	117	230	92	81	21	99	504	1	1,174	55	9	3	2,373	38	7	8	3	40	25	6	47	22	1	202					
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NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY MARRIED COUPLES

	REAL														PERSONAL														REAL AND PERSONAL													
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	N.H.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	N.H.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total																
Less than \$ 500	5	63	33	11	70	71	115	1	120	42	3	1	535	149	99	55	61	13	25	138	1	1,086	26	3	1	1,613																
\$ 500 - 1,000	2	41	40	50	133	46	131	2	211	72	..	..	725	211	22	24	17	3	4	97	..	202	..	..	1	449												
1,001 - 1,500	1	38	38	35	115	12	89	2	156	55	..	1	513	27	11	11	8	1	7	43	..	8	..	..	1	148														
1,501 - 2,000	1	42	28	18	30	17	81	1	177	47	..	..	342	39	12	6	4	1	1	45	..	24	..	..	1	136												
2,001 - 3,000	..	20	16	17	38	13	77	..	159	38	..	..	369	12	2	3	2	2	2	31	..	5	..	..	..	73											
3,001 - 4,000	..	3	15	7	17	10	34	..	69	27	..	..	182	8	1	2	1	..	..	18	..	5	..	..	..	42									
4,001 - 5,000	..	6	..	4	9	1	16	..	33	13	..	..	82	2	..	2	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	12								
5,001 - 6,000	..	..	1	1	2	2	6	..	20	1	..	..	36	3	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	12				
6,001 - 7,000	..	..	1	1	6	1	4	..	22	3	..	..	37	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	
7,001 - 8,000	..	..	1	1	6	1	1	..	7	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
8,001 - 9,000	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
9,001 - 10,000	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Over 10,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	5	63	33	11	70	71	115	1	120	42	3	1	535	149	99	55	61	13	25	138	1	1,086	26	3	1	1,613																

AVERAGE ASSISTANCE IN EACH MONTH OF FISCAL YEAR 1959-60

Province	1959												1960		
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March			
Alberta.....	50.46	50.51	50.64	50.72	50.72	50.64	50.52	50.58	50.63	50.61	50.55	50.52			
British Columbia.....	51.97	51.89	51.89	51.91	51.85	51.88	51.84	51.78	51.81	51.71	51.65	51.67			
Manitoba.....	51.83	51.66	51.66	51.65	51.63	51.58	51.52	51.56	51.49	51.66	51.60	51.55			
New Brunswick.....	51.55	51.52	51.50	51.46	51.49	51.52	51.48	51.45	51.46	51.44	51.38	51.32			
Newfoundland.....	53.17	53.16	53.19	53.21	53.22	53.26	53.26	53.25	53.27	53.23	53.14	53.15			
Nova Scotia.....	49.35	49.30	49.23	49.14	49.15	49.07	48.99	48.90	48.79	48.84	48.88	48.82			
Ontario.....	48.90	48.83	48.83	48.83	48.92	48.91	48.95	48.90	48.88	48.85	48.78	48.79			
Prince Edward Island.....	44.56	44.44	44.36	43.98	44.65	44.55	44.84	45.32	45.46	45.62	45.64	45.69			
Quebec.....	51.86	51.82	51.79	51.77	51.72	51.67	51.60	51.54	51.53	51.61	51.67	51.69			
Saskatchewan.....	51.22	51.13	51.14	51.01	50.96	50.90	50.77	50.70	50.76	50.66	50.66	50.64			
North West Territories.....	52.25	52.42	52.32	51.93	52.01	52.15	51.20	51.20	51.44	51.41	51.79	52.39			
Yukon Territory.....	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	54.90			

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	46	73	16	16	.....	1	53	1	67	23	.....	.....	296
1952-53	769	1,498	684	789	700	549	3,576	78	4,108	782	.....	.....	13,534
1953-54	1,078	1,851	1,015	1,103	1,029	937	4,689	127	5,605	943	1	.....	18,392
1954-55	1,262	2,081	1,168	1,284	1,071	1,181	5,065	147	6,675	1,096	15	.....	20,987
1955-56	1,345	2,021	1,196	1,107	1,064	1,220	5,487	138	7,120	1,197	16	1	21,681
1956-57	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,301	1,041	1,300	5,624	160	7,320	1,258	20	6	22,616
1957-58	1,376	2,187	1,165	1,390	1,024	1,231	5,518	144	7,391	1,265	18	4	22,256
1958-59	1,420	1,965	1,185	1,368	1,082	1,220	5,281	165	7,341	1,398	29	10	22,424
1959-60	1,468	1,900	1,179	1,310	1,018	1,199	5,327	174	7,454	1,398	23	9	22,719
Total	10,079	15,284	8,745	9,563	8,059	8,838	40,850	1,144	55,084	9,320	148	36	165,155

13. Number of Recipients at End of Each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	2,654	4,134	1,239	3,237	.....	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	.....	.....	41,601
1952-53	4,698	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	29,401	551	30,160	4,206	.....	.....	87,675
1953-54	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,755	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,584	57	.....	93,273
1954-55	5,341	7,898	4,817	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,833	64	4	94,625
1955-56	5,324	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,051	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	90	12	93,023
1956-57	5,100	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,863	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	86	20	89,907
1957-58	5,715	6,905	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	107	41	92,481
1958-59	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	121	38	97,836
1959-60	6,002	7,339	4,740	5,800	5,101	5,494	22,413	757	34,146	5,627	125	41	97,925
April 1959	6,166	7,391	4,870	5,791	5,100	5,503	22,447	757	34,153	5,650	124	44	98,197
May 1959	6,214	7,419	4,883	5,801	5,429	5,502	22,541	755	34,268	5,546	126	43	98,560
June 1959	6,255	7,399	4,922	5,827	5,437	5,596	22,649	766	34,210	5,576	121	43	98,724
July 1959	6,298	7,475	4,966	5,848	5,442	5,620	22,643	772	34,176	5,558	122	45	98,827
August 1959	6,298	7,489	4,945	5,861	5,413	5,640	22,586	774	34,177	5,551	128	45	98,797
September 1959	6,291	7,403	4,910	5,811	5,430	5,533	22,558	776	34,187	5,515	131	45	98,748
October 1959	6,303	7,475	4,942	5,804	5,426	5,517	22,581	778	34,332	5,510	131	45	98,822
November 1959	6,313	7,427	4,979	5,765	5,381	5,514	22,644	767	33,895	5,595	132	48	98,105
December 1959	6,321	7,453	4,990	5,746	5,389	5,540	22,646	761	33,895	5,629	132	48	98,089
January 1960	6,334	7,451	5,022	5,719	5,403	5,462	22,524	752	34,088	5,653	129	52	98,599
February 1960	6,334	7,451	5,022	5,719	5,403	5,462	22,524	752	34,088	5,653	129	52	98,599
March 1960	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,682	5,377	5,477	22,511	750	34,312	5,726	128	52	98,773

14. Number and percentage of recipients as at March 31, 1960, receiving maximum and reduced assistance payments

Province	\$55	\$50-54.99	\$15-49.99	\$40-44.99	\$35-39.99	\$30-34.99	\$25-29.99	\$20-24.99	\$15-19.99	\$10-14.99	\$5-9.99	Less than \$5	Total
Alta..... No. %	4,889 77.04	344 5.41	232 3.73	157 2.48	143 2.26	126 1.99	102 1.61	78 1.23	54 .86	50 .79	43 .68	118 1.87	6,336
B.C. No. %	5,982 80.94	347 4.70	237 3.21	103 2.27	138 1.87	137 1.85	100 1.35	92 1.24	75 1.01	45 .61	39 .53	31 .42	7,391
Man..... No. %	4,091 81.85	202 4.04	137 2.74	115 2.30	88 1.76	76 1.52	61 1.22	34 .68	118 2.36	39 .78	27 .54	10 .20	4,993
N.B. No. %	4,294 75.57	397 6.99	251 4.42	204 3.59	148 2.60	105 1.80	77 1.36	65 1.14	59 1.04	53 .93	21 .37	8 .14	5,682
Nfld..... No. %	4,762 88.56	189 3.51	92 1.71	90 1.67	72 1.34	39 .73	36 .67	31 .58	24 .45	21 .39	13 .24	8 .15	5,377
N.S. No. %	3,204 58.50	755 13.79	365 6.66	312 5.70	236 4.31	184 3.36	138 2.52	114 2.08	70 1.28	49 .89	34 .62	16 .29	5,477
Ont..... No. %	16,699 74.07	1,064 4.72	664 2.95	583 2.59	553 2.45	483 2.14	355 1.57	316 1.40	270 1.20	199 .88	139 5.06	219 .97	22,544
P.E.I..... No. %	326 43.47	96 12.80	67 8.93	67 8.93	62 8.27	55 7.33	23 3.07	12 1.60	17 2.27	15 2.00	10 1.33	.....	750
Que..... No. %	27,500 80.82	1,554 4.63	1,288 3.75	938 2.73	779 2.27	580 1.69	479 1.40	360 1.05	279 .81	244 .71	164 .48	87 .25	34,312
Sask..... No. %	4,404 78.48	296 6.17	195 3.41	140 2.44	102 1.78	84 1.47	69 1.21	68 1.19	56 .98	26 .45	184 3.21	12 .21	5,726
N.W.T..... No. %	118 92.19	1 .78	.....	1 .78	2 1.56	.....	1 .78	.....	.....	.....	5 3.91	.....	123
Y.T. No. %	51 98.08	1 1.92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52
Total..... No. %	76,470 77.42	5,246 5.81	3,528 3.57	2,775 2.81	2,323 2.35	1,869 1.89	1,441 1.46	1,170 1.18	1,022 1.03	741 .76	1,679 1.70	509 .52	98,773

15. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1951-52	144,051 36	262,668 27	106,689 51	165,637 56	.....	95,673 45	672,512 10	6,532 45	690,081 24	133,392 55	.....	.....	2,277,238 49
1952-53	967,948 46	1,701,854 47	1,036,021 86	1,113,921 31	833,898 50	893,059 70	4,586,572 90	66,313 41	6,927,593 20	997,306 06	4,257 50	.....	19,128,837 37
1953-54	1,107,130 01	1,863,051 08	1,112,322 18	1,248,339 19	896,428 59	1,028,756 54	4,726,152 91	85,985 64	7,187,259 43	1,017,635 28	14,251 14	880 00	20,258,152 60
1954-55	1,160,451 68	1,872,909 14	1,119,638 96	1,285,895 23	898,972 70	1,063,165 10	4,858,692 93	98,531 00	7,352,632 60	1,089,704 13	18,941 89	2,220 48	20,869,126 09
1955-56	1,240,451 68	1,788,308 64	1,111,603 66	1,303,188 68	877,212 91	1,046,927 35	4,918,977 94	99,659 66	7,357,372 13	1,150,402 27	21,000 19	3,040 00	20,918,180 11
1956-57	1,220,050 48	1,669,790 16	1,095,848 06	1,276,054 34	1,016,721 40	1,026,319 49	4,977,967 96	98,220 39	7,459,030 31	1,150,832 81	22,619 33	6,640 00	20,399,104 92
1957-58	1,598,750 51	1,979,058 25	1,297,115 27	1,559,905 44	1,298,769 97	1,318,054 57	5,650,280 73	142,257 55	8,702,892 76	1,435,187 62	29,394 56	9,726 00	24,961,383 23
1958-59	1,877,243 00	2,291,661 85	1,572,889 81	1,829,265 76	1,715,386 07	1,611,693 19	6,707,318 27	191,758 72	10,593,250 32	1,763,548 80	39,959 07	13,279 50	30,207,284 36
1959-60	156,972 66	196,795 43	132,188 57	150,754 55	144,131 58	136,790 61	548,079 35	16,865 40	897,292 49	146,584 71	3,462 96	1,127 50	2,530,845 81
April	161,719 20	193,321 53	131,308 25	149,896 23	144,542 44	136,494 55	554,996 60	16,783 80	897,015 23	144,943 20	3,250 03	1,210 00	2,536,572 06
May	164,247 73	199,446 88	133,150 81	149,615 41	145,252 72	136,306 77	547,582 02	16,677 81	896,455 33	147,722 77	3,358 76	724 00	2,542,541 04
June	163,774 30	198,561 93	130,065 56	150,956 63	145,015 50	137,143 40	555,216 65	16,842 75	894,032 68	147,897 49	3,192 44	1,182 30	2,543,391 83
July	165,597 29	195,990 81	130,035 20	150,750 95	146,545 69	136,184 44	557,195 98	17,233 26	894,310 58	145,058 90	3,172 44	1,237 50	2,543,222 47
August	165,796 73	197,971 83	131,167 72	151,813 70	145,470 71	134,524 70	554,484 33	17,210 81	896,165 33	145,786 86	3,392 44	1,237 50	2,541,103 97
September	163,706 86	197,875 19	132,069 01	149,787 38	145,547 93	136,879 04	552,981 83	17,218 25	897,226 25	145,034 81	3,458 94	1,237 50	2,536,509 41
October	165,271 24	196,005 13	133,887 34	150,059 75	145,493 01	134,570 36	549,594 06	17,197 21	895,841 56	144,089 81	3,353 44	1,237 50	2,526,311 81
November	166,043 19	196,556 08	132,232 16	148,665 61	143,345 53	135,187 57	556,571 30	17,218 04	874,326 27	151,173 00	3,353 07	1,320 00	2,516,187 21
December	167,714 58	196,241 74	135,093 08	147,998 00	144,354 36	134,572 50	553,804 81	17,568 38	897,945 52	146,231 08	3,505 56	1,200 00	2,539,863 42
January	164,849 81	196,743 90	132,072 99	147,301 14	144,789 80	134,103 26	550,051 98	17,105 78	897,246 20	150,233 00	3,145 56	1,400 00	2,544,271 33
February	165,757 10	195,454 85	135,355 58	145,624 92	143,593 44	134,220 69	548,191 68	17,025 58	902,422 78	151,379 35	.....	.....	.....
March	1,971,440 72	2,391,075 33	1,589,247 17	1,793,243 30	1,738,082 71	1,626,978 03	6,628,749 99	204,376 90	10,749,251 22	1,762,671 98	40,318 70	14,524 00	30,474,563 05
Total	32,556 55	14,611 28	16,658 02	8,933 23	3,584 33	15,550 35	40,614 14	363 80	110,199 70	10,825 09	103 50	.....	254,030 00
Deduct— Amounts recovered account of overpay- ments.....													
Add— Amounts reimbursed provinces account of overpayments ...	16,278 28	7,320 64	8,329 02	4,466 61	1,792 17	7,775 17	20,307 07	181 90	55,099 85	5,412 55	51 75	.....	127,015 01
Total 1959-60.....	1,955,162 43	2,353,754 69	1,580,918 16	1,788,776 98	1,736,280 55	1,619,202 85	6,608,442 92	204,795 00	10,888,151 37	1,757,262 44	40,266 95	14,524 00	30,347,548 06

16. *Population by age group for Canada and the provinces at June 1, 1959 as estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics*

(In thousands)

Age	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.
Total.....	17,442.0	449.0	102.0	716.0	590.0	4,999.0	5,952.0	885.0	902.0	1,243.0	1,570.0	13.0	21.0
0-4.....	2,189.4	71.2	12.5	90.0	78.9	651.6	710.9	104.6	113.3	170.3	180.6	2.1	3.4
5-9.....	1,966.0	61.9	12.6	83.2	75.0	591.7	631.7	97.1	103.5	144.2	160.6	1.7	2.8
10-14.....	1,665.6	52.7	11.0	74.0	65.9	522.1	517.6	82.3	87.7	116.0	133.3	1.0	2.0
15-19.....	1,316.8	40.6	8.8	60.1	52.8	419.6	401.0	66.1	71.4	90.8	103.2	0.7	1.7
20-24.....	1,198.4	32.0	6.7	49.9	41.1	371.6	392.8	59.0	57.6	86.2	98.9	0.9	1.7
25-29.....	1,221.1	28.4	5.5	44.3	35.0	355.0	428.2	57.4	55.6	90.6	107.9	1.2	2.0
30-34.....	1,269.2	26.3	5.1	44.0	35.2	387.0	463.4	60.1	58.0	92.0	115.1	1.3	1.7
35-39.....	1,198.6	26.1	5.6	44.9	35.0	335.0	434.1	59.4	58.1	85.8	112.2	1.0	1.4
40-44.....	1,094.7	23.9	5.8	43.6	33.1	298.9	391.7	56.7	55.6	76.3	107.0	0.9	1.2
45-49.....	967.8	20.6	5.2	39.4	29.9	292.3	345.8	51.5	50.6	66.1	94.8	0.7	0.9
50-54.....	806.2	16.0	4.6	32.0	24.4	216.6	293.8	42.9	42.3	54.8	77.6	0.5	0.7
55-59.....	678.0	13.1	4.2	26.7	20.6	176.2	253.3	36.7	36.2	45.7	64.4	0.3	0.6
60-64.....	555.7	10.9	3.8	23.1	17.8	138.3	208.2	31.2	30.6	36.6	54.7	0.2	0.3
65-69.....	407.9	8.8	3.4	20.2	15.4	108.4	171.4	28.1	28.2	31.6	52.0	0.2	0.2
70-74.....	388.6	7.4	2.9	17.1	13.1	82.9	140.4	24.0	24.9	26.6	48.9	0.2	0.2
75-79.....	288.9	5.1	2.1	12.4	9.0	52.5	93.7	15.9	16.4	17.4	34.1	0.1	0.2
80-84.....	131.4	2.6	1.3	6.9	4.9	26.3	48.4	7.8	8.1	8.2	16.9	*	*
85-89.....	51.0	1.1	0.7	3.1	2.1	9.9	19.2	3.1	3.0	2.8	6.0	*	*
90+.....	16.7	0.3	0.2	1.1	0.8	3.1	6.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.8	*	*

*Less than 50.

17. *Immediate Canadian Government Annuities—Ordinary Life Plan*
Monthly annuity purchasable with \$1000 at certain ages

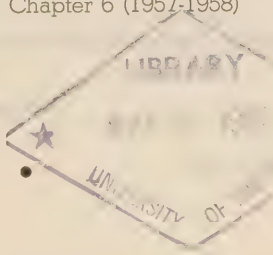
—	Age	Monthly Annuity for \$1,000	
		Male	Female
Born 1931—40.....	21	3.74	3.65
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
Born 1921—30.....	26	3.87	3.75
	30	3.98	3.84
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
	45	4.66	4.35
Born 1911—20.....	36	4.25	4.03
	40	4.44	4.17
	45	4.74	4.40
	50	5.12	4.69
	55	5.60	5.08
Born 1901—10.....	46	4.90	4.50
	50	5.23	4.75
	55	5.74	5.16
	60	6.40	5.72
	65	7.32	6.50
Born 1891—1900.....	56	6.01	5.34
	60	6.59	5.83
	65	7.55	6.64
	70	8.93	7.82
	75	10.99	9.62
Born 1890 and before.....	66	8.03	7.00
	70	9.23	8.03
	75	11.33	9.83
	80	14.53	12.67
	85	19.65	17.30

NOTE—These rates took effect on April 1, 1957. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.

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REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE IN CANADA

Under the Provisions of the
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Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1961, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1961.

The Honourable J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1961, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1961.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

FISCAL YEAR 1960-61

Operations during the Fiscal Year

There were no changes during the fiscal year 1960-61 in the federal-provincial plan providing old age assistance to persons aged 65 to 69. Assistance was paid by the ten provinces and the two territories. The total number of recipients as at March 31, 1961, was 100,184. Federal payments to the provinces, being one half of the provinces' expenditure for assistance, amounted to \$30,657,141.05.

The provincial authorities appointed by the provinces and territories to administer old age assistance considered 32,652 applications during the year. Of this number 28,392 were approved, 3,605 were declined and 655 were not completed. The main reason for declining applications was excess income, the number in this group being 2,384. Of the 655 applications not completed there were 510 withdrawn and 145 not settled at the date of death. The provincial authorities transferred to the administration of old age security 22,218 recipients of old age assistance who attained the age of seventy during the fiscal year.

The number of persons receiving old age assistance at March 31, 1961, was about 21 per cent of the number in the age group 65 to 69 estimated as at June 1, 1960, to be 471,500.

From January 1, 1952, the date on which the Old Age Assistance Act came into operation, to March 31, 1961, federal payments to the provinces amounted to \$220,054,002.28. During the same period 187,373 recipients of old age assistance attained the age of seventy and became entitled to federal pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

The following is a summary of the operations under the Old Age Assistance Act during the last eight fiscal years—

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1953-54.....	30,416	5,530	18,392	93,273	20,288,152 60
1954-55.....	27,688	5,034	20,987	94,625	20,869,126 09
1955-56.....	25,820	4,689	21,931	93,023	20,918,186 11
1956-57.....	24,423	4,637	22,616	89,907	20,399,104 92
1957-58.....	28,638	4,480	22,256	92,484	24,961,383 23
1958-59.....	32,291	4,964	22,424	97,836	30,207,284 36
1959-60.....	28,628	4,278	22,719	98,773	30,347,548 06
1960-61.....	28,392	4,260	22,218	100,184	30,657,141 05

Further statistical information appears in Parts 10 to 15 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

The Old Age Assistance Act has been amended twice since it came into operation on January 1, 1952, both amendments being in 1957. The provisions regarding the maximum amount of assistance shareable by the Federal Government and the age, residence and income requirements have been as follows—

Period	Maximum assistance	Age requirement	Residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40 a month	65	20 years	{ \$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46 a month	65	20 years	{ \$ 840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouse)
From November 1, 1957	\$55 a month	65	10 years	{ \$ 960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

There were no changes during 1960-61 in the agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories. Each agreement provides for payment of assistance based on the maximum amount specified in the Act and for the maximum amounts of income, including assistance, allowed by the Act.

4. Administration—Federal

The administration of the Old Age Assistance Act is the responsibility of the Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare. The Act authorizes federal payments to the provinces that have made agreements, of one-half of the amounts paid out by the provinces under the authority of provincial Acts to the persons and under the conditions specified in the federal Act and regulations. The main responsibility of the Division is, therefore, to establish whether payments made by the provinces to recipients of old age assistance are shareable by the Government of Canada.

The decisions of the provincial authorities appointed to administer assistance are reviewed by federal examiners stationed in the provinces. Provincial accounts are audited at Ottawa and payments to the provinces are made monthly.

Prior to the completion of an agreement a province must submit its scheme for the administration of old age assistance for the approval of the Governor in Council. A scheme that has been approved can not be altered except with the approval of the Governor in Council. Federal supervision of provincial schemes is also a responsibility of the Old Age Assistance Division.

5. Administration—Provincial

Old age assistance is administered by the provinces and territories under the authority of provincial and territorial legislation. The following provincial Acts, territorial Ordinances and regulations were in force at March 31, 1961—

ALBERTA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 228, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955. (Old Age Assistance Regulations, Alberta Regulation 296/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1434/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Old-age Assistance Act, Chapter 2, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session). (Old-age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 3032, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 189, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 43, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session). (Manitoba Regulation 26/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 53/57, filed June 28, 1957, and Manitoba Regulation 105/57, filed December 11, 1957).

NEW BRUNSWICK—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 163, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960-61. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1306, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 61, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by No. 16, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, No. 46, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957, and No. 5, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 36, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 267, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960. (Ontario Regulations 68/52, made February 7, 1952, and filed February 8, 1952, as amended by Ontario Regulations 217/56, made November 1, 1956, and filed November 5, 1956, by Ontario Regulations 60/57, made March 14, 1957, and filed March 19, 1957, and by Ontario Regulations 148/60, made June 9, 1960, and filed June 13, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 33, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 25, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 26, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 28, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC—

An Act to Assist Persons Sixty-five to Seventy Years, Chapter 3, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52 as amended by Chapter 9, Statutes of Quebec, 1956 and Chapter 65, Statutes of Quebec, 1959. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 242, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 58, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 871, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session) and Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY—

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

Each province and territory has appointed a provincial or territorial authority to deal with applications and pay assistance. All decisions relating to applications and to amounts payable to recipients must be made by the provincial authorities. In the provinces the provincial authorities operate within the provincial welfare departments.

The following is a list of provincial authorities and provincial welfare departments with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers and chief administrative officers as at March 31, 1961—

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—D. W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable W. D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable George Johnson, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable W. R. Duffie, Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. E. Anderson, Department of Youth and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—H. G. Kimball, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable B. J. Abbott, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable W. S. Kennedy Jones, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—F. R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Boreczak, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister—Honourable Emilien Lafrance, Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—Fernand Dostie, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable A. M. Nicholson, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—W. G. Brown, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority—H. J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Advisory Board and Regulations

At its meeting in September of 1959 the Advisory Board recommended a number of amendments to the Old Age Assistance regulations. These were approved with effect from July 1, 1960 by Order in Council P.C. 1960-899 of June 29, 1960. The amendments dealt with the following—

1. Particular reference in application forms to unemployment insurance and relief;
2. The procedure to be followed where a recipient refunds all amounts paid to him and later applies again for assistance;
3. An alternative income charge where it is not possible to establish the immediate realizable value of a mortgage or agreement for sale or where the value is not considered by the provincial authority to be fair and reasonable;
4. A procedure for permitting the deduction of the cost of farm operating expenses from payments under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act;
5. Changing the procedure for calculating the income value of personal property, all calculations to be based on 60 months and taking into account additional changes in marital status and nursing home accounts in deciding whether recalculations should be made;
6. Provision for recalculation under the rules applying to real property where personal property owned by the recipient is used to acquire real property to be used as a home or to repair or improve real property either owned or acquired and used as a home;
7. Authority to pay assistance up to the amount to which a recipient is entitled for the year where assistance is suspended at the recipient's request and later reinstated;
8. An extension of the period of absence from Canada for which assistance can be paid from 92 to 153 days;
9. Provision for the payment of assistance for the month in which a recipient commences to serve a term of imprisonment and for the month he is released;

10. The deletion of the requirement that the recipient must have been guilty of fraud or misrepresentation in order to allow recovery of an overpayment by monthly deductions from assistance payments;
11. The deletion of the provision requiring the audit of provincial accounts by the provincial auditor;
12. Provision for the distribution between the Government of Canada and the provinces of amounts recovered by federal authorities on account of sums owed to the provinces by recipients.

Following the amendments, the Old Age Assistance Regulations were consolidated by Order in Council P.C. 1960-1715 of December 16, 1960. The same Order in Council revoked the regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1955-6 of January 13, 1955, as amended.

The Advisory Board has met five times, on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 2 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. *Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions*

Regular payments under the Old Age Pensions Act ceased on December 31, 1951, and the Act was repealed as of March 31, 1954. Since 1952 there has always been a number of small transactions, refunds received or claims made for payment on account of old uncashed cheques. Such transactions are becoming more and more infrequent but in 1960-61 one province did receive several small refunds, the federal share of which amounted to \$1,857.22.

The effect of the transactions during 1960-61 on total federal expenditure under the Old Age Pensions Act is shown in the following table—

Province	Federal contributions to March 31, 1960	Federal contributions 1960-61	Refunds 1960-61	Federal contributions to March 31, 1961
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Alberta.....	49,470,855 17	.....	.....	49,470,855 17
British Columbia.....	75,475,695 15	.....	1,857 22	75,473,837 93
Manitoba.....	57,432,305 32	.....	.....	57,432,305 32
New Brunswick.....	41,419,917 32	.....	.....	41,419,917 32
Newfoundland.....	9,143,756 48	.....	.....	9,143,756 48
Nova Scotia.....	53,628,457 18	.....	.....	53,628,457 18
Ontario.....	276,499,787 55	.....	.....	276,499,787 55
Prince Edward Island.....	6,542,975 91	.....	.....	6,542,975 91
Quebec.....	185,211,771 94	.....	.....	185,211,771 94
Saskatchewan.....	55,920,990 40	.....	.....	55,920,990 40
Northwest Territories.....	79,158 15	.....	.....	79,158 15
Yukon Territory.....	85,625 53	.....	.....	85,625 53
Total.....	810,911,296 15	.....	1,857 22	810,909,438 93

NOTE—Including pensions for the blind the total expenditure at March 31, 1961 was \$836,837,893.68

8. *Comparison with Related Acts*

There were no changes during 1960-61 in the federal-provincial plans for providing old age assistance, blindness allowances and disability allowances. However, the federal plan for paying old age security at seventy was altered to provide that payments could continue to be made to a pensioner outside of Canada provided such pensioner had been in Canada for at least twenty-five years after attaining the age of twenty-one years. The amending Act, Chapter 34 of the Statutes of Canada, 1960, was given Royal Assent on July 7, 1960. The amendment was effective from July 1, 1960.

The main features of the four plans as at March 31, 1961, were as follows—

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$55 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$ 960—unmarried 1,620—married 1,980—married— blind spouse	\$1,200—unmarried 1,680—unmarried— dependent child 1,980—married 2,100—married— blind spouse	\$ 960—unmarried 1,620—married 1,980—married— blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanatoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, disability or war veterans allowance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allowance, old age security or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may specify maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allowance, maximum income allowed and any conditions of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be continuous if pensioner has 25 years residence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

9. *Changes from Inception of Old Age Pensions*

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent March 1927.
- 1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931, to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and authorize federal audit of provincial pension records—Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 65 years of age and over—Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act—P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension—P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.(Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947.)
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year—Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 1949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada—Date of Assent March 25, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.
- 1951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada—Date of Assent May 31, 1951.

951 The following Acts passed by Parliament—

- (a) Old Age Security Act—Date of Assent December 21, 1951.

(This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test. The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repealed the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).

- (b) Old Age Assistance Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the provinces. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old age assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).

- (c) Blind Persons Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).

951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.

952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.

954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent June 26, 1954.

955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.

955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent June 28, 1955.

957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

- 1957 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid—Date of Assent November 7, 1957.
- Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1959 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.
- 1959 Old Age Security Act amended to increase the Old Age Security tax from 2 to 3 per cent—Date of Assent June 4, 1959.
- 1960 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely—Date of Assent July 7, 1960.

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	
	Act (Federal) operative as from						
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients.....	6,584	7,322	5,098	5,555	5,342	5,395	
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population	2.47	3.18	3.11	2.58	1.96	2.79	
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age....	20.77	14.33	18.21	35.84	59.36	26.71	
Average monthly payment.....	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1960—March 31, 1961.....	\$ 49 90	\$ 51 42	\$ 51 40	\$ 51 14	\$ 52 78	\$ 48 72	
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	2,008,762 99	2,332,521 36	1,600,649 64	1,746,572 42	1,707,883 27	1,608,128 71	
	13,224,942 85	18,115,578 51	11,603,697 11	13,319,766 61	10,981,563 96	11,310,980 66	
	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Act (Federal) operative as from						
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients.....	22,736	801	35,441	5,727	135	48	100,184
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	2.85	3.30	2.16	3.07	1.10	1.57	
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	13.09	23.56	32.07	20.53	63.68	25.13	
Average monthly payment.....	\$ 48 92	cts.	\$ 51 43	\$ 50 06	\$ 52 22	cts.	\$ cts.
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1960—March 31, 1961.....	6,629,557 24	216,869 72	10,977,063 79	1,769,692 94	43,482 47	15,956 50	30,657,141 05
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act....	50,036,475 90	1,210,923 84	77,675,618 34	12,273,954 92	234,193 10	66,306 48	220,054,002 28

*Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1960 except Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory which are based on 1956 census.
Average monthly assistance (Canada) \$50.56.

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE 1960-61 APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.
Total.....	2,005	2,126	1,537	1,373	1,198	1,367	6,827	258	10,008	1,643	38	1
Male.....	915	963	618	615	516	549	2,722	118	4,386	784	21	6
Female.....	1,090	1,163	919	758	682	818	4,105	140	5,622	859	17	6
Married.....	776	939	789	789	805	650	2,764	153	5,467	936	28	5
Single.....	356	309	172	179	77	222	994	50	1,221	182	2	3
Widower.....	172	116	70	62	68	70	385	7	561	87	2	3
Widow.....	537	433	380	265	232	329	1,888	41	2,118	321	6	3
Separated.....	118	271	110	72	16	87	749	7	641	105	.....	1
Divorced.....	46	58	16	6	.....	9	47	.....	12	.....	.....	.....
Age 65.....	1,093	1,115	880	1,044	1,018	897	3,882	145	6,675	997	25	1
" 66.....	404	330	253	145	74	186	1,029	42	1,188	262	5	4
" 67.....	216	255	195	83	46	120	775	36	900	165	2	2
" 68.....	161	237	140	59	43	114	722	25	802	125	3	.....
" 69.....	131	189	69	40	17	50	419	10	443	92	3	5
Over 70.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
In cities.....	765	1,260	563	245	165	142	3,344	31	3,903	476	.....	2
In towns.....	752	163	395	112	169	428	1,299	14	1,259	316	4	2
In villages.....	149	289	231	2	864	694	1,524	6	4,409	366	34	8
On farms.....	339	414	348	1,014	.....	103	660	207	437	485	.....	.....
Own homes.....	659	918	739	853	975	799	2,684	166	3,611	1,049	27	8
Rented houses or apts.....	660	492	171	136	18	117	1,150	18	2,362	192	2	.....
Children-relatives.....	350	351	405	266	183	319	1,601	52	2,787	176	9	2
Rented rooms.....	244	281	182	88	10	87	1,069	16	1,048	145	.....	2
Public institutions.....	68	59	27	27	9	45	395	6	200	68	.....	.....
Private institutions.....	24	25	13	3	3	.....	28	.....	13	.....	.....	.....
Number receiving regular annual income.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pension other than under Old Age Assistance Act.....	76	182	55	38	66	121	410	.....	640	57	.....	1
Annuity of any kind.....	62	35	11	.....	.....	109	.....	.....	123	16	9	.....
Spouses in receipt of old age security.....	137	323	257	191	184	203	746	35	1,025	211	7	.....
Number receiving unemployment insurance.....	27	154	36	84	61	69	422	4	647	1	.....	.....

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 TO 1960-61

Age	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
Total	29,344 ¹	52,290 ²	30,416	27,688	25,820	24,423	28,638	32,291	28,628	28,300
65	5,465	18,742	17,938	16,969	16,129	15,793	17,001	18,939	18,538	17,700
%	18.62	35.84	58.98	61.28	62.47	64.67	59.36	58.65	64.75	62.00
66	5,888	9,895	4,143	3,787	3,494	3,311	4,725	4,892	3,673	3,900
%	20.07	18.92	13.62	13.68	13.53	13.56	16.50	15.15	12.83	13.78
67	6,467	9,288	3,323	2,888	2,691	2,280	3,141	3,840	2,540	2,700
%	22.03	17.76	10.92	10.43	10.42	9.34	10.97	11.89	8.87	9.54
68	6,390	8,457	2,870	2,391	2,109	1,867	2,222	2,845	2,447	2,400
%	21.78	16.17	9.44	8.64	8.17	7.64	7.76	8.81	8.55	8.48
69	5,134	5,908	2,142	1,653	1,396	1,172	1,544	1,769	1,426	1,400
%	17.50	11.30	7.04	5.97	5.41	4.79	5.39	5.48	4.98	5.00
70	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	5	6	4	.....
%	.....	.....	.....	.....	.004	.....	.02	.02	.01	.....

¹Three months, January 1 to March 31, 1952.

¹and ² Ontario figures not included.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
5 years of age.....	95	46	61	46	15	64	185	8	181	97			798
le to prove age.....					20								20
uch income.....	202	146	94	112	44	152	644	28	853	107	1	1	2,384
ufficient residence.....	4	4		4		1	6		17	5			41
le to prove residence.....		1					4						5
fer of property.....	4						4		15				23
eteran's allowance.....		4	3	13	2	3	47	1	20	2			95
ersons Act.....	2										1		3
abouts unknown.....	3	7	2				15			1			28
ed information.....	3	21	4		2	1	11		50	10			102
ance private source.....		1	2	12			3						18
70 years.....		8	1	9		6	12		30	1			67
ge security.....			2	3	1		3	1	4	4			18
oled Persons Act.....			2										2
age Assistance Act.....	1												1
Total.....	314	238	171	199	84	227	934	38	1,170	227	2	1	3,605

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
drawn.....	36	56	62	24	4	29	100	8	109	82			510
cant deceased.....	12	15	9	1	4	7	42		41	14			145
Total.....	48	71	71	25	8	36	142	8	150	96			655

DEATHS DURING 1960-61

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
re 65.....	35	16	10	17	13	13	144	1	121	10	1		381
66.....	43	43	36	24	17	22	189	3	204	21			602
67.....	44	49	36	39	31	29	196	6	234	45			709
68.....	44	64	35	33	26	36	256	6	299	35			834
69.....	52	124	45	49	45	46	249	7	368	56	1		1,042
Total.....	218	296	162	162	132	146	1,034	23	1,226	167	2		3,568
aylist for—													
ss than 1 year.....	57	78	40	33	18	31	309	1	305	32	2		906
1 to 2 years.....	52	87	54	34	42	31	239	10	248	42			839
2 to 3 ".....	52	66	35	42	36	37	242	3	278	44			835
3 to 4 ".....	38	34	18	32	27	30	146	7	225	30			587
4 to 5 ".....	19	31	15	21	9	17	98	2	170	19			401
iving spouse in receipt of—													
d age security.....	24	21	25	32	19	19	84	7	122	18	1		372
d age assistance.....	9	28	18	12	24	10	98	3	22	23			217
indness allowance.....	1	2	2		2		3		1				11
sability allowance.....	1	1	1	2	1		17						23
r veterans allowance.....					7	2	8			3			20
others allowance.....													

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	T.
April 1, 1960--March 31, 1961...	1,441	1,844	1,185	1,230	1,055	1,206	5,401	176	7,284	1,354	28	14	28
From inception of the Old Age Assistance Act.....	11,520	17,128	9,930	10,798	9,114	10,044	46,251	1,320	60,368	10,674	176	50	187

PROOF OF AGE

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	T.
Age established by—													
Certificate of birth.....	1,269	1,277	574	457	67	363	3,695	58	496	772	.....	4	9
Certificate of baptism.....	163	240	355	726	1,035	627	1,614	172	8,528	259	22	1	13
Census records alone.....	69	23	135	10	11	350	466	26	132	13	.....	.....	1
Old Bible records.....	5	.....	4	13	8	.....	8	.....	4	3	.....	.....	.....
Other records.....	239	571	354	167	72	26	932	2	835	596	15	.....	3
Tribunal.....	260	15	115	.....	5	1	112	.....	13	.....	1	7	.....

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	T.
Single.....	1,007	531	345	203	118	261	1,922	53	1,981	296	5	4	6
Married couples.....	310	122	169	61	41	85	762	33	947	111	9	3	2

SINGLE
NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

	REAL														PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL									
	REAL							PERSONAL							PERSONAL							REAL AND PERSONAL												
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	N.H.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	N.H.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total								
Less than \$ 500	9	27	13	26	48	62	101	3	65	43	2	414	30	198	62	83	97	110	537	...	1,240	31	2	...	2,329	34	8	209						
\$ 500	3	9	33	39	53	30	63	1	62	39	329	16	47	36	20	9	22	245	...	254	19	...	668	25	12	181								
1,001	2	12	11	22	10	54	10	54	56	31	231	37	27	23	5	112	...	65	13	...	65	13	...	286	16	14	321							
1,501	1	11	17	12	11	51	1	11	20	139	5	19	6	1	8	64	...	82	9	...	82	9	...	127	22	32	328							
2,001	1	20	14	4	15	9	17	1	48	14	179	11	11	1	1	73	...	82	9	...	82	9	...	214	20	44	467							
2,501	1	12	8	4	6	2	27	...	23	10	93	1	10	9	2	1	29	...	27	4	...	13	1	...	83	9	31	316						
3,001	...	8	5	1	6	2	8	...	21	5	51	...	5	2	1	17	...	13	1	...	13	1	...	42	3	38	361							
4,001	...	4	...	...	...	...	5	...	17	2	31	...	1	...	...	7	...	13	1	...	13	1	...	13	1	18	418	
5,001	5	...	21	4	13	...	1	1	1	8	5	518					
6,001	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	4	2	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,001
7,001	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,501
8,001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,001
9,001	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,501
10,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,001
Over 10,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,501
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,001
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,501
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,001
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,501
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,001
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,501
	7,001						
	7,501						
	8,001						
	8,501						
	9,001						
	9,501						
	10,000						

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY MARRIED COUPLES

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AVERAGE ASSISTANCE IN EACH MONTH OF FISCAL YEAR 1960-61

Province	1960												1961		
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March			
Alberta.....	50.37	50.34	50.41	50.32	50.25	50.24	50.22	50.21	50.14	50.05	49.99	49.90			
British Columbia.....	51.65	51.62	51.56	51.52	51.62	51.60	51.60	51.60	51.56	51.46	51.48	51.42			
Manitoba.....	51.53	51.50	51.46	51.42	51.43	51.41	51.44	51.52	51.50	51.59	51.51	51.40			
New Brunswick.....	51.29	51.22	51.20	51.27	51.24	51.34	51.30	51.30	51.28	51.18	51.16	51.14			
Newfoundland.....	53.09	53.05	52.96	52.96	52.94	52.91	52.90	52.91	52.85	52.86	52.84	52.78			
Nova Scotia.....	48.82	48.88	48.91	48.90	49.01	49.02	48.98	48.87	48.86	48.85	48.78	48.72			
Ontario.....	48.73	48.66	48.65	48.77	48.81	48.78	48.76	48.76	48.87	48.94	48.92	48.92			
Prince Edward Island.....	45.82	45.93	46.11	46.24	46.40	46.53	46.49	46.47	46.57	46.74	46.72	47.07			
Quebec.....	51.66	51.58	51.56	51.50	51.51	51.57	51.46	51.37	51.33	51.35	51.42	51.43			
Saskatchewan.....	50.61	50.55	50.44	50.38	50.44	50.58	50.57	50.50	50.23	50.18	50.15	50.06			
Northwest Territories.....	52.41	52.46	52.54	53.12	53.21	53.23	52.61	52.68	52.62	52.56	52.56	52.22			
Yukon Territory.....	54.91	54.91	54.91	54.90	54.90	54.90	54.89	54.89	54.42	54.38	54.38	54.42			

12. *Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years*

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	46	73	16	16	.....	1	53	1	67	23	.....	.....	296
1952-53.....	769	1,498	684	789	700	549	3,576	78	4,108	782	1	.....	13,534
1953-54.....	1,078	1,851	1,015	1,103	1,029	937	4,889	127	5,605	943	15	.....	18,392
1954-55.....	1,202	2,081	1,168	1,284	1,071	1,181	5,065	147	6,675	1,096	16	1	20,987
1955-56.....	1,345	2,021	1,196	1,107	1,064	1,220	5,487	148	7,120	1,197	20	6	21,931
1956-57.....	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,391	1,041	1,300	5,624	160	7,320	1,258	18	4	22,616
1957-58.....	1,376	1,877	1,165	1,200	1,024	1,231	5,548	144	7,394	1,265	25	6	22,256
1958-59.....	1,420	1,965	1,185	1,368	1,082	1,220	5,281	165	7,341	1,358	29	10	22,424
1959-60.....	1,498	1,900	1,179	1,310	1,048	1,199	5,527	174	7,454	1,398	23	9	22,719
1960-61.....	1,441	1,844	1,185	1,230	1,055	1,206	5,401	176	7,284	1,354	28	14	22,218
Total.....	11,520	17,128	9,930	10,798	9,114	10,044	46,251	1,320	60,368	10,674	176	50	187,373

13. Number of Recipients at End of Each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	.....	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	.....	.....	41,601
1952-53.....	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,480	4,206	57	.....	87,675
1953-54.....	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,584	64	4	93,273
1954-55.....	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
1955-56.....	5,521	7,441	4,662	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
1956-57.....	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,863	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	89,907
1957-58.....	5,715	6,906	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	92,484
1958-59.....	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
1959-60.....	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,682	5,377	5,477	22,544	750	34,312	5,726	128	52	98,773
1960-61.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April 1960.....	6,369	7,366	5,010	5,701	5,374	5,491	22,537	738	34,469	5,732	129	53	98,969
May 1960.....	6,403	7,377	5,041	5,685	5,366	5,477	22,544	737	34,841	5,763	133	53	99,120
June 1960.....	6,441	7,357	5,025	5,722	5,392	5,475	22,637	750	34,831	5,761	137	53	99,581
July 1960.....	6,481	7,380	5,010	5,707	5,370	5,504	22,598	759	34,841	5,755	137	50	99,622
August 1960.....	6,484	7,408	5,024	5,699	5,364	5,510	22,580	784	34,849	5,730	137	50	99,619
September 1960.....	6,511	7,396	4,977	5,699	5,363	5,473	22,559	799	34,780	5,712	138	48	99,454
October 1960.....	6,540	7,389	5,010	5,705	5,312	5,472	22,550	796	35,008	5,707	136	47	99,702
November 1960.....	6,579	7,422	5,062	5,688	5,290	5,486	22,683	793	35,402	5,698	140	47	100,200
December 1960.....	6,602	7,414	5,062	5,667	5,316	5,485	22,746	793	35,563	5,740	141	48	100,577
January 1961.....	6,568	7,419	5,112	5,622	5,327	5,466	22,785	801	35,532	5,729	137	45	100,543
February 1961.....	6,584	7,358	5,063	5,565	5,344	5,439	22,780	794	35,549	5,730	133	45	100,384
March 1961.....	6,584	7,322	5,098	5,555	5,342	5,395	22,736	801	35,441	5,727	135	48	100,184

14. Number and Percentage of Recipients as at March 31, 1961, receiving Maximum and Reduced Assistance Payments

Province	\$55	\$50-54.99	\$45-49.99	\$40-44.99	\$35-39.99	\$30-34.99	\$25-29.99	\$20-24.99	\$15-19.99	\$10-14.99	\$5-9.99	Less than \$5	Total
Alta..... No. %	4,949 75.17	352 5.34	235 3.57	205 3.11	179 2.72	141 2.14	111 1.69	107 1.63	79 1.20	53 .80	42 .64	131 1.99	6,584
B.C..... No. %	5,846 79.84	341 4.66	239 3.26	195 2.66	152 2.08	130 1.78	115 1.57	100 1.37	77 1.05	48 .66	42 .57	37 .50	7,322
Man..... No. %	4,132 81.05	220 4.32	149 2.92	121 2.37	85 1.67	82 1.61	73 1.43	39 .77	116 2.28	41 .80	27 .53	13 .25	5,098
N.B..... No. %	4,169 75.05	394 7.09	256 4.60	179 3.22	146 2.63	109 1.95	89 1.60	67 1.21	63 1.13	52 .94	17 .31	14 .25	5,555
Nfld..... No. %	4,649 87.03	195 3.65	118 2.21	80 1.50	55 1.03	72 1.35	53 .99	36 .67	25 .47	26 .49	21 .39	12 .22	5,342
N.S..... No. %	3,166 58.68	714 13.23	359 6.65	296 5.49	243 4.50	179 3.32	140 2.59	115 2.13	65 1.20	60 1.11	42 .78	16 .30	5,395
Ont..... No. %	16,929 74.46	1,029 4.53	664 2.92	608 2.67	553 2.43	455 2.00	416 1.83	321 1.41	256 1.13	193 .85	114 5.03	169 .74	22,736
P.E.I..... No. %	395 49.31	102 12.72	70 8.74	51 6.37	59 7.37	48 5.99	27 3.37	24 3.00	14 1.75	8 1.00	3 .37	.....	801
Que..... No. %	28,088 73.24	1,562 4.41	1,367 3.86	959 2.70	908 2.56	627 1.77	526 1.48	397 1.12	340 .96	285 .80	286 .81	98 .28	35,441
Sask..... No. %	4,340 75.78	298 5.20	222 3.88	183 3.19	135 2.36	99 1.73	78 1.36	52 .91	63 1.10	33 .68	198 3.46	26 .45	5,727
N.W.T..... No. %	125 92.59	2 1.48	.....	.....	1 .74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 5.19	.....	135
Y.T..... No. %	46 95.83	1 2.08	.....	.....	.....	1 2.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48
Total..... %	76,832 76.89	5,210 5.20	3,679 3.67	2,877 2.87	2,516 2.51	1,943 1.94	1,628 1.63	1,268 1.26	1,098 1.10	799 .80	1,838 1.82	516 .52	100,184

15. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1951-52.....	144,051 36	292,668 27	106,689 51	165,637 56	.....	95,673 45	672,512 10	6,532 45	690,081 24	133,392 55	.....	.....	2,277,235 49
1952-53.....	967,948 46	1,701,834 47	1,035,021 86	113,921 31	833,888 50	893,089 70	4,586,372 90	66,313 41	6,927,593 20	997,396 00	4,257 30	.....	19,128,837 37
1953-54.....	1,107,190 01	1,862,051 68	1,112,322 18	1,248,339 19	896,428 58	1,028,766 25	4,726,152 91	86,985 94	7,187,269 43	1,017,535 28	14,251 14	880	20,288,152 60
1954-55.....	1,165,331 91	1,872,909 14	1,119,638 96	1,288,065 23	898,972 70	1,063,165 10	4,888,692 93	98,531 00	7,392,922 60	1,089,704 15	18,941 89	2,220 48	20,869,126 09
1955-56.....	1,240,451 68	1,788,308 64	1,111,603 68	1,373,188 68	877,712 91	1,046,927 35	4,918,977 94	99,659 66	7,337,373 13	1,150,402 27	21,000 19	3,080 00	20,918,184 11
1956-57.....	1,220,050 48	1,660,730 16	1,065,848 06	1,276,064 34	1,016,721 40	1,026,319 49	4,677,997 96	98,220 39	7,159,030 51	1,159,832 81	22,619 33	6,640 00	20,369,104 92
1957-58.....	1,538,750 51	1,976,058 25	1,127,115 27	1,559,958 45	1,298,769 97	1,318,054 57	5,650,280 73	142,257 55	8,702,892 76	1,483,182 62	39,354 56	1,279 50	24,961,383 23
1958-59.....	1,877,243 00	2,391,681 85	1,572,889 81	1,826,265 76	1,715,356 07	1,611,693 19	6,707,318 27	191,758 73	10,593,250 32	1,763,548 80	39,989 07	13,279 50	27,284 36
1959-60.....	1,955,162 45	2,353,754 69	1,580,918 16	1,788,776 68	1,736,290 55	1,619,202 85	6,608,442 92	204,795 00	10,688,151 37	1,757,292 44	40,266 95	14,524 30	30,347,548 06
1960-61.....	166,207 12	193,232 87	134,457 83	147,392 74	142,892 56	134,811 64	548,394 75	16,855 21	906,660 61	147,775 02	3,435 56	1,455 00	2,543,573 91
April.....	165,755 13	193,824 47	134,629 80	147,068 51	143,363 71	134,607 39	562,737 42	17,013 96	904,063 29	150,354 14	3,653 81	1,455 00	2,549,806 57
May.....	166,176 18	195,722 36	134,085 70	146,820 23	143,632 65	135,189 25	548,508 43	17,469 13	918,200 07	149,754 62	3,628 81	1,441 25	2,561,628 73
June.....	167,031 99	195,735 22	133,033 18	146,594 98	142,772 59	136,555 61	552,238 39	18,190 27	912,465 43	149,870 15	3,791 31	1,358 75	2,559,075 87
July.....	167,952 22	195,665 01	131,992 69	147,362 23	142,924 85	136,146 75	552,128 39	18,190 75	912,356 09	146,459 11	3,672 56	1,372 50	2,557,223 15
August.....	167,420 34	195,197 40	133,670 40	146,893 73	143,679 28	135,088 77	549,965 85	18,612 32	914,444 62	147,847 83	3,672 56	1,235 00	2,557,708 10
September.....	168,270 15	194,588 42	136,329 70	147,364 03	141,052 57	134,580 96	552,618 06	18,418 33	925,991 21	147,430 48	3,690 06	1,290 00	2,571,923 88
October.....	171,438 53	195,728 19	134,216 62	146,180 97	141,250 61	135,331 82	555,938 96	18,473 03	931,771 03	145,973 20	3,687 56	1,290 00	2,581,979 39
November.....	171,434 53	195,720 28	135,494 71	145,640 79	142,558 99	134,694 65	560,021 76	18,518 25	924,501 10	148,785 12	3,765 06	1,306 00	2,582,641 32
December.....	170,398 08	194,957 03	133,573 00	144,580 85	142,119 31	134,990 10	560,196 23	18,641 47	921,842 59	146,305 80	3,690 06	1,223 80	2,572,425 11
January.....	168,481 90	193,007 60	134,922 10	142,250 69	142,438 71	133,017 62	566,219 53	18,547 06	928,651 53	147,807 58	3,495 06	1,222 80	2,580,053 78
February.....	171,711 06	194,047 34	133,637 91	142,113 59	141,346 66	131,523 06	560,653 47	18,852 74	922,232 79	147,419 44	3,525 06	1,306 00	2,556,389 12
March.....	2,024,977 20	2,338,652 19	1,610,043 64	1,750,263 36	1,710,022 49	1,616,520 62	6,649,671 18	217,183 36	11,023,121 34	1,775,782 58	43,617 47	15,956 56	30,775,811 93
Total.....	32,428 43	12,261 65	18,788 00	7,381 88	4,178 44	16,763 82	40,227 87	616 38	92,115 09	12,179 28	270 00	.....	237,230 84
Deduct— Amounts recovered account of overpayments.....	16,214 22	6,130 82	9,394 00	3,690 94	2,039 22	8,391 91	20,113 93	362 74	46,057 54	6,089 64	135 00	.....	118,559 96
Add— Amounts reimbursed provinces account of overpayments.....	2,008,762 99	2,332,521 36	1,600,649 64	1,746,572 42	1,707,883 27	1,608,128 71	6,629,557 24	216,869 72	10,977,063 79	1,769,692 94	43,482 47	15,956 56	30,657,141 05
Total 1960-61.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

16. *Population by age group for Canada and the Provinces at June 1, 1960 as estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics*

(In thousands)

Age	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.
Total.....	17,814.0	459.0	103.0	723.0	600.0	5,106.0	6,089.0	899.0	910.0	1,283.0	1,606.0	14.0	22.0
0-4.....	2,224.6	71.7	12.4	90.1	78.7	658.7	725.0	105.7	114.0	175.9	186.3	2.4	3.7
5-9.....	2,016.6	63.2	12.7	84.1	75.8	602.9	653.0	99.1	104.5	151.0	165.5	1.9	2.9
10-14.....	1,734.4	51.6	11.2	75.5	68.0	538.9	544.8	85.4	90.1	122.7	140.1	1.0	2.1
15-19.....	1,375.7	42.8	9.1	62.2	55.2	438.0	420.2	68.7	73.6	95.0	108.4	0.7	1.8
20-24.....	1,217.5	33.0	7.1	50.7	42.7	378.9	396.5	60.0	58.0	88.0	99.9	0.9	1.8
25-29.....	1,215.3	28.7	5.6	44.2	35.4	365.2	423.7	56.8	51.3	91.2	107.1	1.1	2.0
30-34.....	1,209.5	26.5	5.0	43.2	31.7	369.1	463.2	59.4	56.9	93.2	115.1	1.5	1.7
35-39.....	1,218.0	25.8	5.5	44.4	35.1	341.9	443.8	59.7	57.7	89.0	113.5	1.1	1.5
40-44.....	1,114.9	24.3	5.9	43.7	33.5	305.0	400.4	57.1	55.6	78.5	108.7	1.0	1.2
45-49.....	993.6	21.3	5.3	40.1	30.6	269.3	355.4	52.5	51.3	68.3	97.7	0.8	1.0
50-54.....	832.4	16.8	4.7	32.8	25.4	223.8	302.3	41.4	43.1	56.9	80.6	0.5	0.8
55-59.....	606.8	13.4	4.1	27.3	21.1	182.4	259.5	37.5	36.8	47.2	66.5	0.4	0.6
60-64.....	569.1	11.2	3.9	23.3	18.0	142.7	213.7	31.7	31.0	37.7	55.4	0.2	0.3
65-69.....	471.5	9.0	3.4	20.2	15.5	110.5	173.7	28.0	27.9	31.7	51.1	0.2	0.3
70-74.....	391.0	7.3	2.8	17.3	13.3	84.3	141.1	24.1	24.7	26.8	46.6	0.2	0.2
75-79.....	288.4	5.3	2.1	12.6	9.3	54.4	97.0	16.6	17.3	18.2	35.4	0.1	0.1
80-84.....	136.0	2.7	1.3	7.1	4.9	27.0	49.9	8.2	8.6	8.6	17.7	•	•
85-89.....	52.4	1.1	0.7	3.1	2.1	10.0	19.4	3.1	3.3	3.1	6.5	•	•
90+.....	16.3	0.3	0.2	1.1	0.7	3.0	6.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.9	•	•

*Less than 50.

17. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities—Ordinary Life Plan
Monthly annuity purchasable with \$1000 at certain ages

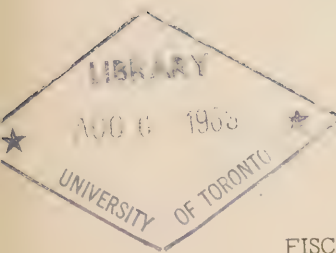
—	Age	Monthly Annuity for \$1,000	
		Male	Female
Born 1931—40.....	21	3.74	3.65
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
Born 1921—30.....	26	3.87	3.75
	30	3.98	3.84
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
Born 1911—20.....	45	4.66	4.35
	36	4.25	4.03
	40	4.44	4.17
	45	4.74	4.40
Born 1901—10.....	50	5.12	4.69
	55	5.60	5.08
	46	4.90	4.50
	50	5.23	4.75
Born 1891—1900.....	55	5.74	5.16
	60	6.40	5.72
	65	7.32	6.50
	56	6.01	5.34
Born 1890 and before.....	60	6.59	5.83
	65	7.55	6.64
	70	8.93	7.82
	75	10.99	9.62
	66	8.03	7.00
	70	9.23	8.03
	75	11.33	9.83
	80	14.53	12.67
	85	19.65	17.30

NOTE—These rates took effect on April 1, 1957. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.

**REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
IN CANADA**

Under the Provisions of the
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT

Chapter 199, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952
as amended by 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)
6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 6 (1957-1958)
10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1962)



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*To His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1962, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1962.

The Honourable J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1962, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD
Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1962.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal year 1961-62

Operations during the Fiscal Year

The ten provinces and the two territories participate in the federal-provincial plan providing old age assistance to persons 65 to 69 years of age. As at March 31, 1962, there were 98,944 persons receiving old age assistance. Federal payments to the provinces, being one-half of the provinces' expenditure for assistance, amounted to \$30,810,585.16 in the fiscal year 1961-62.

The provinces deal with requests for assistance and in the fiscal year they considered 31,295 applications. Of this number 26,827 were approved, 3,705 were declined and 763 were not completed. The majority of applicants who failed to qualify had income in excess of the amounts allowed by the Old Age Assistance Act. Of the number not completed there were 597 withdrawn and 166 where the applicants died before decisions had been made. The number of recipients transferred by the provinces to old age security was 23,323.

The number of persons receiving old age assistance at March 31, 1962, was slightly in excess of 20 per cent of the number in the age group 65 to 69 shown in the 1961 census as 487,102.

Federal payments to the provinces from January 1, 1952, the date on which the Old Age Assistance Act came into operation, to March 31, 1962, amounted to \$250,864,587.44. There were 210,696 recipients transferred by the provinces to old age security within the same period.

The following is a summary of the operations under the Old Age Assistance Act during the last nine fiscal years —

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1953-54	30,416	5,530	18,392	93,273	20,288,152 60
1954-55	27,688	5,034	20,987	94,625	20,869,126 09
1955-56	25,820	4,689	21,931	93,023	20,918,186 11
1956-57	24,423	4,637	22,616	89,907	20,399,104 92
1957-58	28,638	4,480	22,256	92,484	24,961,383 23
1958-59	32,291	4,964	22,424	97,836	30,207,284 36
1959-60	28,628	4,278	22,719	98,773	30,347,548 06
1960-61	28,392	4,260	22,218	100,184	30,657,141 05
1961-62	26,827	4,468	23,323	98,944	30,810,585 16

The maximum assistance was increased twice in 1957-58, the first increase being from \$40 to \$46 a month effective July 1, 1957, and the second, from \$46 to \$55 a month, effective November 1, 1957. In 1961-62 there was a further increase from \$55 to \$65 a month, effective February 1, 1962. On all three occasions the maximum amounts of income allowed were also increased.

Further statistical information furnished by the provinces is shown in Pages 10 to 15 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

The Speech from the Throne of January 18, 1962, contained the following: "Important measures in the field of social welfare will also be proposed this session. Your approval will be requested for an increase in the amount of the universal old age pension payable under the Old Age Security Act and also for legislation to increase the amount to which the federal government will contribute under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act."

The following Government Notice of Motion was published in Votes and Proceedings of the House of Commons of January 25, 1962—

January 25 — *The Minister of National Health and Welfare:*

That the House do go into Committee of the Whole at its next sitting to consider the following proposed resolution which has been recommended to the House by His Excellency:—

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Old Age Assistance Act to increase to sixty-five dollars per month the maximum amount of assistance in respect of which payments may be made to the provinces under the provisions of that Act, and to increase the total amount of allowable income, inclusive of assistance, by one hundred and eighty dollars a year in the case of an unmarried person and three hundred and sixty dollars a year in the case of a married person.

The proposed resolution was debated in the House of Commons on February 5, 1962. On February 7th it was reported and concurred in and thereupon the Minister moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-55 to amend the Old Age Assistance Act. The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the first time. The Bill was as follows—

5th Session, 24th Parliament, 10-11 Elizabeth II, 1962.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

BILL C-55.

An Act to amend the Old Age Assistance Act.

R.S., c. 199;
1957-58, c. 6.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1957-58, c. 6,
s. 1(1).

1. (1) Subsection (1) of section 3 of the *Old Age Assistance Act* is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

Agreements
with
provinces.

"3. (1) The Minister, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may, on behalf of the Government of Canada, make an

agreement with a province to provide for the payment to the province in accordance with this Act and the regulations, of amounts in respect of assistance paid by the province pursuant to provincial law, not exceeding, in respect of any recipient, fifty per cent of sixty-five dollars monthly or of the amount of assistance paid by the province monthly to the recipient, whichever is the lesser."

1957-58, c. 6,
1(3).

(2) Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 3 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(c) is

- (i) an unmarried person, and his income, inclusive of assistance, is not more than eleven hundred and forty dollars a year,
- (ii) married and living with his spouse, and the total income, inclusive of assistance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than nineteen hundred and eighty dollars a year, or
- (iii) married and living with his spouse who is blind within the meaning of the *Blind Persons Act*, and the total income, inclusive of assistance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than twenty-three hundred and forty dollars a year."

Coming into
force

2. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of February, 1962.

On February 9, 1962, the Minister moved the second reading of Bill No. C-55 to amend the Old Age Assistance Act. The motion was agreed to, the Bill read the second time and the House went into Committee thereon. Following a brief discussion the Bill was reported, read the third time and passed.

Bill No. C-55 was passed by the Senate on February 14, 1962, receiving Royal Assent on February 15, 1962, as Chapter 4 of the Statutes of Canada, 1962. The effective date was February 1, 1962.

Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows -

Period	Maximum monthly assistance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40	65	20	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	65	20	840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	\$55	65	10	960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouse)
From February 1, 1962	\$65	65	10	1,140 (unmarried) 1,980 (married) 2,340 (blind spouse)

3. *Agreements with Provinces and Territories*

Before amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act can become effective in a province, the agreement made by the province with Canada must be amended.

Following the amendments of 1962, and prior to or shortly after the close of the fiscal year, the agreements with all provinces and the Yukon Territory were amended to provide for the payment of maximum assistance of \$780 a year (\$65 a month) and to allow the increased amounts of maximum income as shown in the Act as amended.

The Provinces of Newfoundland and British Columbia amended their agreements with effect from April 1, 1962. In the other provinces and the Yukon Territory the effective date was February 1, 1962. At March 31, 1962, the matter of completing an amending agreement was under consideration in the Northwest Territories.

The Order in Council authorizing the Minister of National Health and Welfare to sign the agreements on behalf of the Government of Canada was P.C. 1962-22 of February 16, 1962.

4. *Administration - Federal*

The Old Age Assistance Act provides for the payment by Canada to provinces that have made agreements in accordance with the Act, of fifty per cent of the amounts paid by them as assistance to the persons and under the conditions set forth in the Act and the regulations made under it.

Before an agreement with a province can come into operation the scheme for the administration of assistance proposed to be adopted by the province must be approved by the Governor in Council. A scheme that has been so approved cannot be altered except with the consent of the Governor in Council.

The Old Age Assistance Division is responsible for deciding whether provincial claims for federal payments are in order. Federal examiners stationed in the provincial offices examine decisions affecting payments to recipients. A staff at Ottawa audits provincial accounts. When provincial claims have been certified payment is made directly to the provinces by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

The Division also maintains supervision over provincial schemes for administration specifying the officer or body appointed to act as the provincial authority, the persons responsible for and the manner of making investigations and the manner in which an application will be made to the provincial authority.

The Division arranges for meetings of the Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations in the regulations and deals with the operations involved in making any amendments.

5. *Administration - Provincial*

Old age assistance is granted and paid under the authority of provincial and territorial legislation authorizing the province or territory to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada in accordance with the federal Act.

As at March 31, 1962, the following provincial Acts and territorial Ordinances with their regulations were in force -

ALBERTA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 228, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955. (Old Age Assistance Regulations, Alberta Regulation 296/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1434/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Old-age Assistance Act, Chapter 2, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session). (Old-age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 3032, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 189, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 43, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session). (Manitoba Regulation 26/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 53/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 105/57, filed December 11, 1957 and Manitoba Regulation 16/62, filed February 27, 1962).

NEW BRUNSWICK—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 163, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960–61. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52–1306, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 61, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by No. 16, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, No. 46, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957, and No. 5, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037–52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 36, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 267, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960. (Ontario Regulation 457, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 33, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 25, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 26, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 28, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC—

An Act to Assist Persons Sixty-five to Seventy Years, Chapter 3, Statutes of Quebec, 1951–52 as amended by Chapter 65, Statutes of Quebec, 1959. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 242, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan 1953, as amended by Chapter 58, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 871, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 2, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session) and Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY—

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 8, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

The officer or body charged with the administration of old age assistance is known as the "provincial authority". In the provinces the provincial authorities operate within the provincial departments responsible for welfare. The following is a list of provincial welfare departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers and chief administrative officers as at March 31, 1962—

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—D. W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable W. D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable John A. Christianson, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable W. R. Duffie, Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. E. Anderson, Department of Youth and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—H. G. Kimball, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable C. M. Lane, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—A. J. McCrowe, Acting Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable W. S. Kennedy Jones, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—F. R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister—Honourable Emilien Lafrance, Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—Fernand Dostie, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable A. M. Nicholson, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories
Territorial Authority—W. Rudnicki, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.
Territorial Authority—H. J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. *Advisory Board and Regulations*

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend such alterations to the regulations as may from time to time appear to be necessary or advisable did not meet during the fiscal year 1961–62. There were no amendments to the regulations.

In previous fiscal years the Advisory Board met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. *Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions*

Operations under the Old Age Pensions Act terminated on December 31, 1951, and the Act was repealed as of March 31, 1954. However, there is still the odd transaction which affects the total federal expenditure under the Act. During 1961–62 refunds amounting to \$1,073.17 were received by the Province of British Columbia. The federal share was \$804.87.

Total expenditure under the Old Age Pensions Act as at March 31, 1962, taking into account the amount refunded during 1961–62, was \$810,908,634.06. Including pensions for the blind, the total expenditure at March 31, 1962 was \$836,837,088.81.

8. *Comparison with Related Acts.*

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act. These four Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1962.

—	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordi- nances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$65 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applica- ble	\$1,140—unmarried 1,980—married 2,340—married— blind spouse	\$1,380—unmarried 1,860—unmarried— dependent child 2,340—married 2,460—married— blind spouse	\$1,140—unmarried 1,980—married 2,340—married— blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanatoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applica- ble	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age security or pen- sion in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applica- ble	Province may spec- ify minimum age, maximum assist- ance, maximum income allowed and any condi- tion of eligibility set forth in prov- incial law	Province may spec- ify maximum al- lowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maxi- mum allowance, maximum income allowed and any conditions of eligi- bility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be con- tinuous if pensioner has 25 years res- idence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

Another program closely associated with old age assistance, blindness allowances and disabled persons allowances is the federal-provincial unemployment assistance program established by the Unemployment Assistance Act. Under the authority of the Act the Federal Government has entered into agreements to reimburse the provinces and territories 50 per cent of their payments to persons unemployed and in need. The Federal Government also shares under this program assistance paid to recipients of the three assistance programs mentioned above, as well as to recipients of old age security and unemployment insurance where supplementation is required. Such payments must be based on an individual assessment of need which takes into account the applicant's personal requirements and financial resources. Other conditions are determined by the provinces.

The main features of this plan as at March 31, 1962, were as follows —

Legislation	Federal Acts, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances.
Administration	Federal, provincial and municipal.
Agreements	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance to persons unemployed and in need.
Sources of funds	Federal 50% — Provincial-Municipal 50%
Minimum age	No age limit, but children must be dependents of recipients.
Residence in Canada	No residence requirement; residence must not be a condition of eligibility for persons moving from one province to another.
Maximum payment	No federal maximum; rates set by provinces.
Maximum income allowed	No federal maximum; income limits set by provinces.
Medical test	None.
Institutions	Federal Act provides for sharing in home care for special care, such as homes for the aged and nursing homes.
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable.
Variable requirements	Rates of assistance and conditions of eligibility are set by the provinces.
Absences from Canada	No federal requirement; a province grants aid only while recipients are in the province.

9. *Changes from Inception of Old Age Pensions*

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent March 31, 1927.
- 1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931, to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records—Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over—Date of Assent March 31, 1937.

- 42 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 43 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act—P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 44 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension—P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 47 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being—
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- (Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).
- 949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year—Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada—Date of Assent March 25, 1949.
- 950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.
- 1951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada—Date of Assent May 31, 1951.
- 1951 The following Acts passed by Parliament—
- (a) Old Age Security Act—Date of Assent December 21, 1951.
- (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test.

The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repeal the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined (proclamation).

(b) Old Age Assistance Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the province. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in its provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old age assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).

(c) Blind Persons Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amount of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954, under Old Age Security Act.
- 1954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent June 26, 1954.
- 1955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 16 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum as

- sistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 57 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.
- 57 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid—Date of Assent November 7, 1957.
- Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 59 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.
- 59 Old Age Security Act amended to increase the Old Age Security tax from 2 to 3 per cent—Date of Assent June 4, 1959.
- 60 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely—Date of Assent July 7, 1960.
- 62 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the maximum federal pension from \$55 to \$65 a month — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

10. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1962

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
	Act (Federal) operative as from					
Number of recipients	6,494	7,189	5,082	5,421	5,184	5,248
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population	2.38	3.12	3.06	2.71	2.12	2.90
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age	20.47 cts.	14.16 cts.	18.04 cts.	33.43 cts.	53.53 cts.	24.59 cts.
Average monthly payment	\$ 50 08	\$ 51 64	\$ 62 11	\$ 62 42	\$ 52 42	\$ 51 76
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1961 - March 31, 1962	2,000,955 96	2,283,927 11	1,652,229 47	1,760,484 31	1,672,509 98	1,569,348 48
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act	15,225,898 81	20,399,505 62	13,255,926 58	15,080,250 92	12,654,073 94	12,880,329 14

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
	Act (Federal) operative as from					
Number of recipients	22,868	897	34,615	5,760	46	98,944
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population	2.89	3.42	2.22	3.05	1.23	
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age	12.70 cts.	25.04 cts.	29.60 cts.	20.42 cts.	25.56 cts.	
Average monthly payment	\$ 58 24	\$ 49 07	\$ 50 84	\$ 50 47	\$ 54 39	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1961 - March 31, 1962	6,903,030 92	248,608 10	10,896,301 71	1,761,660 79	15,507 00	30,810,585 16
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act ..	56,939,506 82	1,459,531 94	88,571,920 05	14,035,615 71	81,813 48	250,864,587 44

*Percentages based on census population as at June 1, 1961.
Average monthly assistance (Canada) was \$61.09 at June 30, 1962. the first month for which an average based on \$65 a month could be calculated.

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE 1961-62

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

—	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total														
total.....	1744	2162	1473	1290	1173	1349	6819	315	8822	1626	45	9	26827														
Male.....	836	961	662	541	512	542	2725	134	3584	781	23	6	11307														
Female.....	908	1201	811	749	661	807	4094	181	5238	845	22	3	15520														
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F													
Married.....	442	403	432	472	382	385	396	402	398	307	356	1309	1445	80	81	2333	2341	497	432	16	11	4	2	6634	6719		
Single.....	285	63	240	85	104	54	80	71	39	35	120	74	630	402	31	19	513	570	143	24	2	1	1	1	2188	1399	
Widower.....	80	...	110	...	71	...	45	...	67	...	73	...	375	...	17	...	476	...	75	...	4	...	1	...	1394	...	
Widow.....	...	418	...	472	...	307	...	241	...	222	...	328	...	1789	...	70	...	2061	...	334	...	10	6252	...
Separated.....	20	20	157	138	49	59	28	38	4	6	39	48	387	411	5	10	262	266	60	48	1	...	...	...	1012	1044
Divorced.....	9	4	22	34	11	9	3	3	...	...	3	1	24	47	1	1	...	...	6	7	...	...	...	...	79	106
Age 65.....	446	654	481	746	351	516	361	618	409	581	321	574	1448	2496	64	108	1944	3559	409	520	16	15	2	...	6252	10387	
" 66.....	137	111	169	171	134	133	65	54	43	39	61	98	458	595	20	28	743	805	146	144	2	4	1	...	1979	2182	
" 67.....	92	62	116	106	65	78	52	32	28	27	76	66	326	405	21	19	453	419	86	82	1	2	3	1	1319	1299	
" 68.....	81	51	116	90	80	55	44	32	20	7	54	40	269	389	20	13	289	305	78	56	3	...	...	1	1054	1039
" 69.....	80	30	79	88	32	29	19	13	12	7	30	29	224	209	9	13	155	150	62	43	1	1	1	...	703	613	
Over 70.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
In cities.....	314	422	565	716	199	327	76	157	56	98	73	119	1265	2060	14	26	1179	2297	238	291	...	...	...	...	3979	6513
In towns.....	392	397	67	102	136	217	54	90	56	97	214	303	501	800	4	8	494	794	116	156	4	5	4	1	2042	2970	
In villages...	61	53	156	185	129	108	2	400	466	200	304	646	912	...	...	1706	2017	165	209	19	17	2	1	3486	4274	
On farms.....	69	36	145	147	198	159	218	261	...	...	55	81	313	322	111	133	205	130	260	187	...	...	...	...	1574	1456
Other.....	...	...	28	51	...	...	191	239	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	14	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	1	226	307
Own homes...	458	529	392	542	341	407	374	426	451	510	355	504	1145	1733	96	103	1423	1537	498	533	9	13	4	2	5546	6839	
Rented houses or apts.....	115	150	359	333	58	92	59	114	4	10	42	62	415	634	5	4	901	1463	92	107	2	...	...	...	2052	2969
Children — relatives —	54	132	87	244	83	190	51	137	51	124	62	160	310	1130	16	51	673	1732	63	122	12	9	1	1	1463	4032	
Rented rooms.....	143	65	80	13	97	65	37	49	3	13	57	56	609	420	10	18	519	439	72	53	...	...	...	...	1627	1191
Public Institutions.....	49	25	29	56	11	5	12	16	1	1	22	23	237	160	6	5	68	67	51	27	...	...	...	...	486	385
Private Institutions.....	17	7	14	13	4	13	8	7	2	3	4	2	9	17	1	...	...	...	5	3	...	...	...	1	65	65
Other.....	...	...	...	68	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	39
Number receiving regular annual income.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pension other than under Old Age Assistance Act..	26	166	52	36	53	188	387	...	751	42	...	...	1701	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Annuity of any kind.....	21	23	32	2	...	...	86	...	132	17	...	...	313	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Spouses in receipt of old age security.....	162	256	203	221	167	197	734	27	960	210	1	1	3139	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Number receiving unemployment insurance.....	1	184	69	86	44	69	324	...	616	8	...	...	1401	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES
FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 TO 1961-62

Age	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
Total	29,344 ¹	52,290 ²	30,416	27,688	25,820	24,423	28,638	32,291	28,628	28,392	26,814
65	5,465	18,742	17,938	16,969	16,129	15,793	17,001	18,939	18,538	17,772	16,614
%	18.62	35.84	58.98	61.28	62.47	64.67	59.36	58.65	64.75	62.60	62.00
66	5,888	9,895	4,143	3,787	3,494	3,311	4,725	4,892	3,673	3,922	4,161
%	20.07	18.92	13.62	13.68	13.53	13.56	16.50	15.15	12.83	13.81	15.53
67	6,467	9,288	3,323	2,888	2,691	2,280	3,141	3,840	2,540	2,795	2,614
%	22.03	17.76	10.92	10.43	10.42	9.34	10.97	11.89	8.87	9.84	9.75
68	6,390	8,457	2,870	2,391	2,109	1,867	2,222	2,845	2,447	2,431	2,051
%	21.78	16.17	9.44	8.64	8.17	7.64	7.76	8.81	8.55	8.56	7.65
69	5,134	5,908	2,142	1,653	1,396	1,172	1,544	1,769	1,426	1,468	1,314
%	17.50	11.30	7.04	5.97	5.41	4.79	5.39	5.48	4.98	5.17	4.90
70					1		5	6	4	4	
%					.004		.02	.02	.01	.01	

¹Three months, January 1 to March 31, 1952.

²and ³ Ontario figures not included.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Not 65 years of age....	64	70	45	37	30	64	110	11	169	79	2	1	682
Unable to prove age....		2		3	5		1		7		2		20
Too much income....	168	184	116	120	53	156	655	22	946	128	1		2545
Not sufficient residence	3	4	1	6			12		34				60
Unable to prove residence		1											
Transfer of property....	1	2					2		4	1			8
War veterans allowance							3		24				30
Blind Persons Act		5	7	19	1	5	41	1	22	6			107
Whereabouts unknown....		1					1						2
Refused information....	2	10	1				6			4			23
Assistance private source	9	37	7	2	1	1	12		36	10			115
Over 70 years.....				6			1						7
Old age security		18	1	17		7	12		33				88
Disabled Persons Act....		2	3		1				1	3			10
Federal Institution	1												1
Parents maintenance act or similar provincial legislation		1		1									2
Total.....	248	338	181	211	91	233	856	34	1276	231	5	1	3705

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Withdrawn	47	82	31	25	4	45	129	9	114	111			597
Applicant deceased....	12	15	12	8	3	6	50		47	12	1		166
Total.....	59	97	43	33	7	51	179	9	161	123	1		763

DEATHS DURING 1961-62

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
age 65	20	35	12	11	13	15	154	3	206	35	1	.....	505
66	46	40	26	30	40	30	144	6	271	28	1	.....	662
67	48	42	43	33	27	34	190	9	288	36	.....	.....	750
68	46	64	38	34	42	53	224	5	335	49	1	1	892
69	70	79	39	58	41	36	256	11	309	18	.....	1	918
Total	230	260	158	166	163	168	968	34	1409	166	3	2	3727
Paylist for—													
Less than 1 year	31	77	39	33	24	33	292	6	328	30	1	.....	894
1 to 2 years	54	60	44	34	41	48	213	8	350	34	2	.....	888
2 to 3 years	48	53	34	36	33	35	192	4	323	46	.....	2	806
3 to 4 years	63	41	27	25	43	31	174	13	252	33	.....	.....	702
4 to 5 years	34	29	14	38	22	21	97	3	156	23	.....	.....	437
Surviving spouse in receipt of—													
Old age security	23	33	13	18	50	15	70	9	191	18	.....	.....	440
Old age assistance	14	29	16	18	30	9	91	.....	83	3	2	.....	295
Blindness allowance .....	.....	1	3	.....	.....	1	5	.....	3	1	.....	.....	14
Disability allowance	4	1	.....	1	2	1	8	.....	7	1	.....	.....	25
War veterans allowance .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mothers allowance .....	.....	.....	1	1	8	2	4	.....	13	2	.....	.....	31

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
April 1, 1961—March 31, 1962	1,460	1,877	1,209	1,295	1,151	1,302	5,558	180	7,815	1,432	34	10	23,323
From inception of the Old Age Assistance Act	12,980	19,005	11,139	12,093	10,265	11,346	51,809	1,500	68,183	12,106	210	60	210,696

PROOF OF AGE

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Age established by—													
Certificate of birth	911	1,280	609	451	204	335	3,831	113	537	771	3	1	9,046
Certificate of baptism	199	233	354	688	892	616	1,593	178	7,287	260	18	.....	12,318
Census records alone	54	26	103	2	13	396	384	22	108	31	4	1	1,144
Old Bible records	4	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	10	2	3	4	.....	.....	34
Other records and tribunals	576	623	407	138	64	2	1,001	.....	887	560	20	7	4,285

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Single	427	563	305	154	104	229	1994	85	1626	277	3	2	5769
Married couples	205	92	156	55	41	56	669	29	822	97	25	1	2248

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY
SINGLE

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																	
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Less than \$ 500	30	26	22	27	32	36	73	51	32	2	1	332	86	199	65	91	26	102	505	1,304	45	3	2,426	8	7	5	14	24	15	26	58	23	185					
\$ 500 - 1,000	35	12	26	21	44	39	92	56	28	1	353	49	68	34	23	7	20	202	264	25	692	23	9	8	9	17	30	55	26	21	198							
1,001 - 1,500	3	20	12	11	26	12	58	51	17	1	210	3	28	16	6	7	97	61	21	255	4	15	16	19	11	30	63	14	81	25	278							
1,501 - 2,000	29	21	6	3	8	12	49	10	11	1	149	22	21	11	6	5	44	8	20	137	24	22	18	13	8	22	77	3	88	22	297							
2,001 - 3,000	21	28	15	11	16	15	61	30	22	1	219	7	21	8	3	4	71	70	11	195	38	39	26	22	7	34	195	77	31	1	470							
3,001 - 4,000	11	13	6	3	7	9	25	22	6	1	102	8	7	10	6	3	32	24	10	100	30	46	20	24	6	23	149	76	21	395								
4,001 - 5,000	3	10	2	2	4	1	10	11	5	1	48	4	7	4	1	3	18	11	2	50	16	36	12	19	4	11	85	55	11	249								
5,001 - 6,000	1	2	1	1	2	1	5	9	1	1	23	3	3	1	1	7	2	1	1	18	13	19	11	6	2	8	47	33	4	143								
6,001 - 7,000	1	1	3	3	4	1	3	6	1	1	16	1	14	3	1	6	1	1	1	1	10	3	5	2	2	16	30	4	72									
7,001 - 8,000	1	1	3	3	4	6	6	1	7	1	10	1	14	3	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	16	1	34										
8,001 - 9,000	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	5	1	13									
9,001 - 10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	10								
Over 10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	14								

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY
MARRIED COUPLES

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																	
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Less than \$ 500	28	60	25	13	52	45	75	111	36	2	3	450	42	98	35	45	16	47	166	1,079	22	5	1,555	8	14	4	4	19	28	13	38	125	25	2	280			
\$ 500 - 1,000	73	29	54	43	125	51	90	158	63	1	686	20	21	25	27	1	11	76	200	13	2	396	38	38	22	16	59	52	64	71	20	40	420					
1,001 - 1,500	4	35	36	31	87	35	85	173	38	1	524	3	9	6	13	2	49	42	14	138	14	67	40	65	68	52	107	22	301	86	1	823						
1,501 - 2,000	49	21	28	21	34	16	64	35	37	1	306	13	10	6	3	1	36	20	10	99	57	91	48	75	35	51	126	1	324	91	899							
2,001 - 3,000	30	19	24	14	45	26	86	135	24	1	403	9	10	1	12	1	38	18	4	94	62	150	63	79	59	77	263	295	92	1,140								
3,001 - 4,000	18	5	19	8	25	6	40	75	17	1	213	4	4	1	1	1	15	2	3	30	45	83	57	88	42	51	218	203	69	856								
4,001 - 5,000	10	7	5	8	2	21	40	14	10	1	107	2	4	2	1	2	12	2	2	25	37	28	44	61	19	20	191	140	56	596								
5,001 - 6,000	3	1	2	1	8	2	12	24	1	1	54	4	2	1	1	6	6	1	1	13	23	18	34	38	17	11	97	82	26	346								
6,001 - 7,000	1	1	2	1	4	1	5	17	3	1	33	1	1	2	1	2	4	1	1	6	15	3	19	26	9	8	60	68	19	227								
7,001 - 8,000	1	1	1	1	3	1	5	2	10	2	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	16	6	8	6	3	32	41	8	131								
8,001 - 9,000	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	16	6	8	6	12	22	5	8	81								
9,001 - 10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	11	2	1	1	10	20	3	57									
Over 10,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	7	8	1	35	2	62										

AVERAGE ASSISTANCE IN EACH MONTH OF FISCAL YEAR 1961-62

Province	1961												1962		
	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.			
Alberta	49.90	49.83	50.03	50.09	50.06	50.13	50.21	50.14	50.18	50.15	50.17	50.08			
British Columbia	51.43	51.46	51.48	51.52	51.52	51.53	51.54	51.63	51.66	51.72	51.63	51.64			
Manitoba	51.31	51.28	51.21	51.26	51.22	51.19	51.25	51.21	51.22	51.25	62.19	62.11			
New Brunswick	51.09	51.11	51.12	51.16	51.18	51.23	51.15	51.18	51.13	51.10	62.58	62.42			
Newfoundland	52.72	52.70	52.70	52.61	52.61	52.66	52.66	52.72	52.72	52.76	52.79	52.42			
Nova Scotia	48.69	48.72	48.70	48.61	48.58	48.56	48.51	48.49	48.58	48.59	48.97	51.76			
Ontario	48.95	48.98	48.98	48.95	48.97	49.04	49.02	48.99	48.94	48.93	48.92	58.24			
Prince Edward Island	47.14	47.05	47.43	47.48	47.74	48.13	48.18	48.31	48.59	48.60	48.88	49.07			
Quebec	51.29	51.24	51.17	51.15	51.15	51.07	50.98	50.94	50.92	50.82	50.80	50.84			
Saskatchewan	49.95	49.91	49.80	49.70	49.73	49.90	50.09	50.28	50.30	50.31	50.49	50.47			
Northwest Territories	52.28	52.70	52.72	52.72	52.68	53.06	53.75	53.56	53.54	53.53	53.49	53.83			
Yukon Territory	54.45	54.44	54.44	54.44	54.44	54.42	54.40	54.38	54.38	54.38	54.36	54.39			

12. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	46	73	16	16	.....	1	53	1	67	23	.....	.....	296
1952-53	769	1,498	684	789	700	549	3,576	78	4,108	782	1	.....	13,534
1953-54	1,078	1,851	1,015	1,103	1,029	937	4,689	127	5,605	943	15	.....	18,392
1954-55	1,202	2,081	1,168	1,284	1,071	1,181	5,065	147	6,675	1,096	16	1	20,987
1955-56	1,345	2,021	1,196	1,107	1,064	1,220	5,487	148	7,120	1,197	20	6	21,931
1956-57	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,391	1,041	1,300	5,624	160	7,320	1,258	18	4	22,616
1957-58	1,376	1,877	1,165	1,200	1,024	1,231	5,548	144	7,394	1,265	26	6	22,256
1958-59	1,420	1,965	1,185	1,368	1,082	1,220	5,281	165	7,341	1,358	29	10	22,424
1959-60	1,498	1,900	1,179	1,310	1,048	1,199	5,527	174	7,454	1,398	23	9	22,719
1960-61	1,441	1,844	1,185	1,230	1,055	1,206	5,401	176	7,284	1,354	28	14	22,218
1961-62	1,460	1,877	1,209	1,295	1,151	1,302	5,558	180	7,815	1,432	34	10	23,323
Total	12,980	19,005	11,139	12,093	10,265	11,346	51,809	1,500	68,183	12,106	210	60	210,696

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	.....	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	.....	.....	41,601
1952-53	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	.....	87,675
1953-54	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,584	64	4	93,273
1954-55	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
1955-56	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
1956-57	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	89,907
1957-58	5,715	6,906	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	92,484
1958-59	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
1959-60	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,682	5,377	5,477	22,544	750	34,312	5,726	128	52	98,773
1960-61	6,584	7,322	5,098	5,555	5,342	5,395	22,756	801	35,441	5,727	135	48	100,184
1961-62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April 1961	6,568	7,341	5,075	5,545	5,339	5,369	22,632	823	35,411	5,729	138	51	100,021
May 1961	6,557	7,315	5,088	5,569	5,316	5,380	22,606	819	35,229	5,695	144	50	99,768
June 1961	6,548	7,328	5,102	5,573	5,318	5,374	22,684	835	35,212	5,686	145	50	99,855
July 1961	6,501	7,280	5,141	5,582	5,363	5,400	22,685	855	35,359	5,719	145	50	100,080
August 1961	6,475	7,281	5,108	5,560	5,345	5,364	22,778	863	35,316	5,718	143	50	100,001
September 1961	6,439	7,285	5,101	5,545	5,307	5,337	22,813	863	35,363	5,718	145	48	99,964
October 1961	6,417	7,270	5,112	5,525	5,310	5,331	22,773	862	35,221	5,709	145	47	99,722
November 1961	6,405	7,306	5,131	5,503	5,258	5,315	22,900	875	35,258	5,737	146	45	99,879
December 1961	6,403	7,264	5,123	5,465	5,259	5,284	22,941	885	35,129	5,709	144	45	99,651
January 1962	6,414	7,224	5,076	5,440	5,212	5,238	22,878	901	34,913	5,680	143	45	99,164
February 1962	6,472	7,206	5,072	5,408	5,190	5,227	22,882	892	34,802	5,692	142	44	99,029
March 1962	6,494	7,189	5,082	5,421	5,184	5,248	22,868	897	34,615	5,760	140	46	98,944

14. Number and Percentage of Recipients as at March 31, 1962, Receiving Maximum and Reduced Assistance Payments

Province	\$65	\$60—64.99	\$55—59.99	\$50—54.99	\$45—49.99	\$40—44.99	\$35—39.99	\$30—34.99	\$25—29.99	\$20—24.99	\$15—19.99	\$10—14.99	\$5—9.99	Less than \$5	Total
Alta.	No.	.....	.....	4909	271	199	173	124	87	98	55	57	43	123	6494
	%	.....	.....	75.59	4.17	3.06	2.66	1.91	1.34	1.51	.85	.87	.66	.88	.....
B.C.	No.	.....	.....	5784	329	187	145	125	99	87	71	52	41	31	7189
	%	.....	.....	80.46	3.32	2.60	2.02	1.74	1.38	1.21	.99	.72	.57	.43	.....
Man.	No.	4284	154	173	77	70	55	50	31	22	50	8	4	1	5082
	%	84.30	3.03	3.40	1.52	1.38	1.08	.98	.61	.43	.98	.16	.08	.02	.....
N.B.	No.	4478	232	207	132	96	64	57	29	17	12	4	1	.....	5421
	%	82.60	4.28	3.82	1.77	1.70	1.18	1.05	.53	.31	.22	.07	.02	.....	.....
Nfld.	No.	.....	.....	4426	191	100	71	89	44	41	36	31	30	10	5184
	%	.....	.....	85.38	3.68	2.22	1.93	1.37	.85	.79	.69	.60	.58	.19	.....
N.S.	No.	1329	73	44	2205	297	236	163	129	106	67	61	29	13	5248
	%	25.32	1.39	.84	42.02	5.64	4.50	3.11	2.46	2.02	1.28	1.16	.55	.25	.....
Ont.	No.	16753	943	949	622	564	499	315	275	214	63	9	1020	173	22868
	%	73.26	4.12	4.15	2.72	2.47	2.18	1.38	1.20	.94	.28	.04	4.46	.76	.....
P.E.I.	No.	.....	.....	530	95	60	58	41	23	16	7	5	2	.....	897
	%	.....	.....	59.09	10.59	6.69	6.47	4.57	2.56	1.78	.78	.56	.22	.....	.....
Que.	No.	.....	.....	27143	1465	1257	935	636	561	445	347	432	381	112	34615
	%	.....	.....	78.41	4.23	3.63	2.70	1.84	1.62	1.29	1.00	1.25	1.10	.32	.....
Sask.	No.	.....	.....	4498	295	195	126	83	71	68	49	27	203	13	5760
	%	.....	.....	78.09	5.12	3.39	2.19	1.44	1.23	1.18	.85	.47	3.52	.23	.....
N.W.T.	No.	.....	.....	131	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	140
	%	.....	.....	93.57	2.14	.71	.71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.43	.....	.....
Y.T.	No.	.....	.....	44	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46
	%	.....	.....	95.65	2.17	.....	.....	2.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	No.	26844	1402	1373	3172	2503	2271	1684	1349	1114	757	686	1756	476	98944
	%	27.13	1.42	1.39	3.21	2.53	2.30	1.70	1.36	1.13	.77	.69	1.77	.48	.....

NOTE: Increase of \$10 a month effective in British Columbia and Newfoundland from April 1, 1962.
Effective date for other provinces and Yukon Territory was February 1, 1962, but all had not made adjustments at March 31, 1962.

15. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Nearshore land	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$
1951-52	144,051 36	26,268 27	106,689 51	165,637 56	.....	95,673 45	672,512 10	6,532 45	690,081 24	133,392 55	.....	.....	2,277,238 40
1952-53	967,948 46	1,701,854 47	1,036,021 86	1,113,921 31	833,898 50	893,059 70	4,586,572 90	66,313 41	6,927,593 20	997,396 06	4,257 50	.....	19,128,837 37
1953-54	1,107,190 01	1,872,051 68	1,112,322 18	1,248,339 19	896,428 59	1,028,756 25	4,726,152 91	85,293 94	7,187,259 43	1,017,535 28	14,251 14	880 00	20,288,152 60
1954-55	1,165,331 91	1,862,909 14	1,119,638 96	1,288,095 23	898,972 70	1,063,165 10	4,858,692 93	98,531 00	7,392,922 60	1,089,704 15	18,941 89	2,220 48	20,869,126 09
1955-56	1,240,451 68	1,788,308 64	1,111,603 66	1,303,188 68	877,212 91	1,046,927 35	4,918,977 94	99,659 66	7,357,373 13	1,150,402 27	21,000 19	3,080 00	20,918,186 11
1956-57	1,220,050 48	1,669,790 16	1,065,848 06	1,276,064 34	1,016,721 40	1,026,319 49	4,677,967 96	98,220 39	7,159,030 50	1,159,832 81	22,619 33	9,726 00	20,399,104 92
1957-58	1,538,750 51	1,979,058 25	1,297,115 27	1,559,905 44	1,298,769 97	1,318,054 57	5,650,280 73	142,257 55	8,702,892 78	1,435,187 62	29,384 56	33,989 07	24,961,383 23
1958-59	1,877,243 00	2,291,661 85	1,572,889 81	1,829,265 76	1,715,386 07	1,611,693 19	6,707,318 27	191,758 72	10,593,250 31	1,763,548 80	40,266 95	14,524 00	30,207,548 06
1959-60	1,955,162 45	2,353,754 69	1,580,918 16	1,788,776 68	1,736,290 55	1,619,202 85	6,608,442 92	204,795 00	10,688,151 37	1,757,222 44	43,482 47	15,956 50	30,657,141 05
1960-61	2,008,762 99	2,332,521 36	1,600,649 64	1,746,572 42	1,707,883 27	1,608,128 71	6,629,557 24	216,869 72	10,977,063 79	1,769,692 94	.....	.....	.....
1961-62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April	168,070 18	192,445 60	134,408 40	142,702 64	140,778 03	132,313 22	550,375 18	19,849 45	924,892 14	147,251 88	3,607 56	1,388 50	2,558,082 78
May	169,940 57	192,677 54	132,987 14	144,605 73	140,779 26	132,261 01	555,506 50	19,389 82	912,460 66	143,406 25	3,849 59	1,361 00	2,549,225 07
June	169,021 73	190,694 59	135,564 86	142,852 19	140,088 94	132,372 50	556,878 96	19,551 35	915,438 57	144,037 32	3,932 09	1,361 00	2,551,794 10
July	168,779 07	190,910 49	132,926 97	143,867 57	141,806 70	132,361 35	561,073 17	20,308 32	920,454 80	146,155 72	3,874 59	1,361 00	2,553,879 75
August	166,494 43	189,726 89	134,137 73	143,757 06	140,602 08	130,977 91	561,266 55	20,598 55	915,131 19	145,538 16	3,767 09	1,361 00	2,553,358 64
September	167,173 88	191,605 93	134,214 45	143,255 60	139,804 86	130,554 70	564,132 44	20,766 20	913,415 78	146,603 78	3,897 10	1,306 00	2,556,730 72
October	166,757 02	192,969 10	135,073 86	142,452 02	140,811 17	130,394 07	560,298 54	20,515 27	908,979 99	146,404 82	3,897 09	1,278 50	2,549,831 45
November	168,765 57	192,010 56	134,082 74	141,296 11	138,795 20	129,637 06	564,431 21	21,137 45	916,395 64	147,999 97	4,047 09	1,223 50	2,559,822 10
December	168,297 21	190,948 93	132,543 63	140,523 74	138,900 88	128,536 62	552,213 85	21,501 55	906,104 06	147,556 92	3,854 59	1,223 50	2,542,205 48
January	168,238 88	190,536 67	133,407 17	139,414 22	137,937 37	126,862 23	560,659 40	21,930 97	892,761 46	148,026 11	3,717 09	1,223 50	2,524,615 07
February	165,935 62	187,610 56	160,443 86	169,474 34	138,130 52	128,624 04	667,810 95	21,476 40	902,254 13	152,415 04	3,887 67	1,168 50	2,699,231 63
March	168,622 81	187,718 25	162,789 13	169,893 69	136,647 94	133,084 42	657,514 30	22,006 00	903,908 20	152,950 38	3,767 92	1,251 00	2,710,154 04
Total	2,016,096 97	2,329,855 11	1,662,579 94	1,764,094 91	1,674,982 95	1,577,979 13	6,922,161 05	249,031 33	10,932,196 62	1,768,346 35	46,099 47	15,507 00	30,918,930 83
Deduct—													
Amounts recovered account of overpayments	30,282 02	11,855 99	20,700 93	7,221 20	4,837 93	17,261 30	38,260 25	726 45	71,789 82	13,371 11	156 28	.....	216,463 28
Add—													
Amounts reimbursed provincial accounts of overpayments	15,141 01	5,927 99	10,350 46	3,610 60	2,364 96	8,630 65	19,130 12	303 22	35,894 91	6,685 55	78 14	.....	108,117 61
Total 1961-62	2,000,955 96	2,283,927 11	1,652,229 47	1,760,484 31	1,672,509 98	1,569,348 48	6,903,030 92	248,608 10	10,896,301 71	1,761,660 79	46,021 33	15,507 00	30,810,585 16

16. *Population by Specified Age Groups, for Canada and the Provinces, 1961 Census as Furnished by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics*

Province	Total	Age Groups										
		0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-69	70 +
Canada	18,238,247	2,256,401	2,079,522	1,855,999	1,432,559	1,183,646	2,481,107	2,389,885	1,878,504	1,289,470	487,102	904,052
Newfoundland	457,853	67,695	64,404	59,464	43,829	30,238	52,290	48,964	39,343	24,731	9,684	17,211
Prince Edward Island	104,629	13,221	12,216	12,264	8,875	6,344	11,049	11,407	10,501	7,822	3,582	7,348
Nova Scotia	737,007	91,239	84,760	80,329	64,239	49,311	87,316	89,618	75,881	50,897	21,341	42,076
New Brunswick	597,936	78,560	75,882	72,745	53,514	37,419	67,477	69,809	56,676	38,937	16,216	30,701
Quebec	5,259,211	671,256	624,074	568,065	467,426	369,633	735,825	665,734	511,334	339,563	116,923	189,378
Ontario	6,236,092	740,193	674,519	593,037	436,883	386,966	882,476	866,563	670,544	476,838	180,063	328,010
Manitoba	921,686	107,574	101,382	91,150	70,808	59,007	117,317	120,774	100,500	69,886	28,169	55,119
Saskatchewan	925,181	113,755	106,886	94,273	72,864	56,996	113,556	115,833	97,430	68,018	28,208	57,362
Alberta	1,331,944	179,888	159,053	130,383	99,004	89,154	192,571	172,623	128,547	87,643	31,724	61,354
British Columbia	1,629,082	186,793	171,661	150,689	112,653	95,230	214,269	223,813	184,823	123,535	50,752	114,864
Yukon	14,628	2,337	1,761	1,187	765	1,109	2,956	2,118	1,243	677	180	295
Northwest Territories	22,998	3,890	2,924	2,413	1,699	2,239	4,005	2,629	1,682	923	260	334

17. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities—Ordinary Life Plan
Monthly Annuity Purchasable with \$1000 at Certain Ages

	Age	Monthly Annuity for \$1,000	
		Male	Female
born 1931-40	21	3.74	3.65
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
born 1921-30	26	3.87	3.75
	30	3.98	3.84
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
born 1911-20	45	4.66	4.35
	36	4.25	4.03
	40	4.44	4.17
	45	4.74	4.40
born 1901-10	50	5.12	4.69
	55	5.60	5.08
	46	4.90	4.50
	50	5.23	4.75
born 1891-1900	55	5.74	5.16
	60	6.40	5.72
	65	7.32	6.50
	56	6.01	5.34
born 1890 and before	60	6.59	5.83
	65	7.55	6.64
	70	8.93	7.82
	75	10.99	9.62
	66	8.03	7.00
	70	9.23	8.03
	75	11.33	9.83
	80	14.53	12.67
	85	19.65	17.30

NOTE: These rates took effect on April 1, 1957. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.

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REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE IN CANADA

Under the Provisions of the **OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT**

Chapter 199, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952
as amended by 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)
6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 6 (1957-1958)
10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1962)



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QUEEN'S PRINTER AND CONTROLLER OF STATIONERY
OTTAWA, 1963

*To His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1963, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1963.

The Honourable J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1963, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD
Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1963.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Committee
on
Pensions

Fiscal Year 1962-63

Operations during the Fiscal Year

During the fiscal year old age assistance for persons 65 to 69 years of age was provided in all parts of Canada. As at March 31, 1963, there were 103,159 recipients. Federal payments to the provinces of one-half of the provinces' expenditure for assistance amounted to \$38,179,056.59.

During 1962-63 provincial authorities dealt with 35,821 applications. Of this number 31,677 were approved, 3,329 were declined and 815 were not completed. Excess income was the reason for rejection in most cases. Of the number of applications not completed 629 were withdrawn. In the remaining 186 cases the applicants died before decisions had been made. There were 23,481 recipients transferred to old age security.

The number of recipients at March 31, 1963 was about 21 per cent of the number in the age group 65 to 69 estimated at 491,400 as at June 1, 1962.

From the inception of the Act to March 31, 1963, federal payments amounted to \$289,043,644.03. The number of transfers to old age security in the same period was 234,177.

The following is a summary of operations under the Old Age Assistance Act for the last ten fiscal years —

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1953-54	30,416	5,530	18,392	93,273	20,288,152 60
1954-55	27,688	5,034	20,987	94,625	20,869,126 09
1955-56	25,820	4,689	21,931	93,023	20,918,186 11
1956-57	24,423	4,637	22,616	89,907	20,399,104 92
1957-58	28,638	4,480	22,256	92,484	24,961,383 23
1958-59	32,291	4,964	22,424	97,836	30,207,284 36
1959-60	28,628	4,278	22,719	98,773	30,347,548 06
1960-61	28,392	4,260	22,218	100,184	30,657,141 05
1961-62	26,827	4,468	23,323	98,944	30,810,585 16
1962-63	31,677	4,144	23,481	103,159	38,179,056 59

Further statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in parts 10 to 15 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act during the first year 1962-63. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows —

Period	Maximum monthly assistance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40	65	20	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	65	20	840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	\$55	65	10	960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouse)
From February 1, 1962	\$65	65	10	1,140 (unmarried) 1,980 (married) 2,340 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

Following amendments to the Act effective February 1, 1962, increasing the maximum assistance and the maximum amounts of income allowed, the agreements with the ten provinces and the Yukon Territory were amended to provide for the additional benefits authorized. The agreement with the Northwest Territories was similarly amended in 1962-63 with effect from July 1, 1962.

4. Administration — Federal

Since the provinces deal directly with applicants and recipients, federal administration relates mainly to establishing amounts charged by the provinces to the Federal Government. A continuous examination of provincial decisions and provincial accounts is carried on in the provinces and at Ottawa. The examination is the responsibility of the Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare. The Division is also responsible for general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council and for organizing periodic meetings of the Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations in the regulations made under the Act.

5. Administration — Provincial

The federal Act defines "provincial law" as a law of a province that provides for the payment of old age assistance to the persons and under the conditions specified in the federal Act and regulations and authorizes the province to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada in accordance with that Act.

The following is a list of provincial acts, territorial ordinances and regulations in force as at March 31, 1963 —

ALBERTA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 228, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955. (Old Age Assistance Regulations, Alberta Regulation 296/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1434/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Old-age Assistance Act, Chapter 2, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session). (Old-age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 3032, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 189, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 43, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session). (Manitoba Regulation 26/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 53/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 105/57, filed December 11, 1957 and Manitoba Regulation 16/62, filed February 27, 1962).

NEW BRUNSWICK—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 163, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960–61. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52–1306, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 61, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by No. 16, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, No. 46, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957, and No. 5, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037–52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 36, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 267, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960. (Ontario Regulation 457, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 33, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 25, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 26, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 28, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC—

An Act to Assist Persons Sixty-five to Seventy Years, Chapter 3, Statutes of Quebec, 1951–52 as amended by Chapter 65, Statutes of Quebec, 1959. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 242, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan 1953, as amended by Chapter 58, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 871, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES —

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 7, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session) and Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1962 (Second Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY —

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 8, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958, as amended by Chapter 2, 1961 (First Session) and Chapter 17, 1962 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1963 —

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable L.C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—D. W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—K.T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable W. D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable J.B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable W. R. Duffie, Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. E. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Youth and Welfare

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—H. G. Kimball, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable Myles P. Murray, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—A. J. McCrowe, Acting Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable W. S. Kennedy Jones, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—F. R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Welfare and Labour, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister—Honourable Emilien Lafrance, Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable A. M. Nicholson, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories
Territorial Authority—W. Rudnicki, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—G.R. Cameron, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.
Territorial Authority—J. Marie Riddell, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. *Advisory Board and Regulations*

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Regulations during 1962-63. The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations in the regulations did not meet during the year. Meetings have been held on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. *Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions*

Although operations under the Old Age Pensions Act ceased as at December 31, 1951, there is still the odd transaction reported by the provinces. In 1962-63 there were refunds from British Columbia only, amounting to \$148.50, the federal share being \$111.37. There were no payments. Total federal expenditure under the Act as at March 31, 1963 was \$810,908,522.69. Including pension for the blind the total was \$836,836,977.44.

8. *Comparison with Related Acts*

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1963.

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordi- nances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$65 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applica- ble	\$1,140—unmarried 1,980—married 2,340—married— blind spouse	\$1,380—unmarried 1,860—unmarried— dependent child 2,340—married 2,460—married— blind spouse	\$1,140—unmarried 1,980—married 2,340—married— blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanatoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applica- ble	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age security or pen- sion in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applica- ble	Province may spec- ify minimum age, maximum assist- ance, maximum income allowed and any condi- tion of eligibility set forth in prov- incial law	Province may spec- ify maximum al- lowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maxi- mum allowance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligi- bility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be con- tinuous if pensioner has 25 years res- idence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

Another program closely associated with old age assistance, blindness allowances and disabled persons allowances is the federal-provincial unemployment assistance program established by the Unemployment Assistance Act. Under the authority of the Act the Federal Government has entered into agreements to reimburse the provinces and territories 50 per cent of their payments to persons unemployed and in need. The Federal Government also shares under this program assistance paid to recipients of the three assistance programs mentioned above as well as to recipients of old age security and unemployment insurance where supplementation is required. Such payments must be based on an individual assessment of need which takes into account the applicant's personal requirements and financial resources. Other conditions are determined by the provinces.

The main features of this plan as at March 31, 1963, were as follows —

Legislation	Federal Acts, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances.
Administration	Federal, provincial and municipal.
Agreements	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance to persons unemployed and in need.
Sources of funds	Federal 50% — Provincial-Municipal 50%
Minimum age	No age limit, but children must be dependents of recipients.
Residence in Canada	No residence requirement; residence must not be a condition of eligibility for persons moving from one province to another.
Maximum payment	No federal maximum; rates set by provinces.
Maximum income allowed	No federal maximum; income limits set by provinces.
Medical test	None.
Institutions	Federal Act provides for sharing in home care for special care, such as homes for the aged and nursing homes.
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable.
Variable requirements	Rates of assistance and conditions of eligibility are set by the provinces.
Absences from Canada	No federal requirement; a province grants aid only while recipients are in the province.

9. *Changes from Inception of Old Age Pensions*

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent March 31, 1927.
- 1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931, to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records—Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over—Date of Assent March 31, 1937.

- 42 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 43 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act—P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 44 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension—P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 47 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being—
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- (Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).
- 949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year—Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada—Date of Assent March 25, 1949.
- 950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.
- 951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada—Date of Assent May 31, 1951.
- 951 The following Acts passed by Parliament—
- (a) Old Age Security Act—Date of Assent December 21, 1951.
- (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test.

The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repeal the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).

(b) Old Age Assistance Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the province. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old age assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).

(c) Blind Persons Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreement only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amount of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954, under Old Age Security Act.
- 1954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent June 26, 1954.
- 1955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum as

- sistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 957 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.
- 958 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid—Date of Assent November 7, 1957.
- Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 959 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.
- 959 Old Age Security Act amended to increase the Old Age Security tax from 2 to 3 per cent—Date of Assent June 4, 1959.
- 960 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely—Date of Assent July 7, 1960.
- 962 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the maximum federal pension from \$55 to \$65 a month — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons' Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

10. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1963

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
	Act (Federal) operative as from					
Number of recipients	6,479	7,039	5,448	5,491	5,187	5,421
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population	2.34	3.03	3.01	2.67	2.09	2.86
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age	20.18	14.02	19.39	33.90	52.83	25.45
	cts,	cts,	cts,	cts,	cts,	cts,
	60 30	62 26	60 83	61 58	63 00	59 76
Average monthly payment	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1962	2,523,720 34	2,075,207 48	2,001,605 67	2,065,949 65	1,987,213 35	2,007,871 08
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act	17,749,619 15	23,074,713 10	15,257,532 25	17,146,200 37	14,641,287 29	14,888,200 22
	Act (Federal) operative as from					
	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	23,925	1,039	37,086	144	34	103,159
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population	2.87	3.40	2.23	1.25	1.33	
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age	13.12	28.86	31.01	48.00	17.00	
	cts,	cts,	cts,	cts,	cts,	
	58 80	60 35	61 48	63 36	64 47	
Average monthly payment	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1962	8,458,292 98	375,349 36	13,793,745 27	2,220,539 45	15,287 00	38,179,056 59
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Old Age Assistance Act	65,397,799 80	1,834,881 50	102,365,665 32	16,256,155 16	97,100 48	289,043,644 03
*Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1962.						
Average monthly assistance (Canada) \$ 60.68.						

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1962-63

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total	1,869	1,936	1,765	1,474	1,305	1,654	7,947	365	11,585	1,736	36	5	31,677
Male	887	870	803	670	581	684	3,308	190	4,910	822	18	3	13,746
Female	982	1,066	962	804	724	970	4,639	175	6,675	914	18	2	17,931
Married	506	456	368	372	481	415	456	435	3,277	3,010	507	451	8,337
Single	285	97	211	55	156	74	94	60	687	755	164	41	2,531
Widower	81	92	65	387	67	87	424	20	574	81	2	1	1,561
Widow	416	458	387	271	214	392	2,117	44	2,525	353	9	1	7,187
Separated	6	10	167	140	93	82	49	33	372	385	64	1	1,222
Divorced	9	3	32	41	8	4	30	52	.....	6	5	.....	95
Age 65	509	692	465	681	429	604	439	624	3,255	5,258	435	557	8,108
Age 66	140	120	121	137	133	128	105	69	707	577	165	161	2,186
Age 67	86	76	115	101	122	113	49	38	384	382	94	97	1,447
Age 68	93	51	90	91	69	73	50	38	353	308	71	59	1,824
Age 69	59	43	79	56	50	44	27	25	150	56	39	81	780
Over 70 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1
In cities	382	451	500	665	307	471	103	175	1,626	2,690	231	293	4,768
In towns	258	307	404	86	121	152	51	88	1,254	129	184	4	2,246
In villages	247	223	161	186	144	157	1	2	2,317	2,600	186	218	4,686
On farms .....	.....	118	109	182	150	235	244	.....	228	131	260	208	1,626
Other .....	.....	42	20	49	32	280	295	.....	.....	16	11	.....	420
Own homes	500	557	341	491	408	432	437	476	1,970	2,060	561	630	6,758
Rented houses or apts	120	183	319	309	76	122	77	107	1,337	1,851	85	99	2,655
Children - relatives	68	157	61	219	67	117	71	162	2,069	51	9	15	1,694
Rented rooms	151	57	88	18	106	79	10	8	665	593	73	50	1,854
Public institutions	41	19	49	22	45	57	13	4	110	102	42	34	582
Private institutions	7	9	12	7	8	10	2	2	.....	10	10	.....	70
Other .....	.....	.....	93	45	60	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	153
Number receiving regular annual income .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pension other than under Old Age Assistance Act	5	161	52	36	85	301	604	.....	1,030	57	.....	.....	2,331
Annuity of any kind	47	16	63	1	.....	.....	139	.....	116	26	6	.....	414
Spouses in receipt of old age security	217	233	227	233	202	246	800	42	970	192	6	.....	3,368
Number receiving unemployment insurance .....	.....	108	117	127	82	63	475	15	487	10	1	.....	1,485

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES

FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 TO 1962-63

Age	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-
Total	29,344 ¹	52,290 ²	30,416	27,688	25,820	24,423	28,638	32,291	28,628	28,392	26,827	31,67
65.....	5,465	18,742	17,938	16,969	16,129	15,793	17,001	18,939	18,538	17,772	16,639	20,61
%	18.62	35.84	58.98	61.28	62.47	64.67	59.36	58.65	64.75	62.60	62.02	65.0
66.....	5,888	9,895	4,143	3,787	3,494	3,311	4,725	4,892	3,673	3,922	4,161	4,27
%	20.07	18.92	13.62	13.68	13.53	13.56	16.50	15.15	12.83	13.81	15.51	13.5
67.....	6,467	9,288	3,323	2,888	2,691	2,280	3,141	3,840	2,540	2,795	2,618	2,97
%	22.03	17.76	10.92	10.43	10.42	9.34	10.97	11.89	8.87	9.84	9.76	9.4
68.....	6,390	8,457	2,870	2,391	2,109	1,867	2,222	2,845	2,447	2,431	2,093	2,34
%	21.78	16.17	9.44	8.64	8.17	7.64	7.76	8.81	8.55	8.56	7.80	7.4
69.....	5,134	5,908	2,142	1,653	1,396	1,172	1,544	1,769	1,426	1,468	1,316	1,46
%	17.50	11.30	7.04	5.97	5.41	4.79	5.39	5.48	4.98	5.17	4.91	4.6
70.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	5	6	4	4	.....	.....
%	.....	.....	.....	.....	.004	.....	.02	.02	.01	.01	.....	.0

¹Three months, January 1 to March 31, 1952.² and ³ Ontario figures not included.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

-	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Tot.
Not 65 years of age	75	47	52	37	3	49	166	1	83	59	2	1	5
Unable to prove age .....	...	1	...	...	1	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...
Too much income	166	92	83	94	48	120	677	27	771	92	...	...	2,17
Not sufficient residence	17	...	...	4	...	...	73	...	41	...	...	...	13
Unable to prove residence	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transfer of property	17	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	29	...	...	...	4
War veterans allowance	3	...	8	12	14	12	60	4	14	3	...	...	13
Blind Persons Act	1	...	1	1	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	1
Whereabouts unknown	2	9	2	...	...	...	9	...	...	6	...	...	2
Refused information	13	...	16	1	...	8	8	...	38	20	...	...	10
Assistance private source .....	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Over 70 years .....	...	...	3	10	...	2	8	1	58	...	...	...	8
Old age security .....	...	...	2	2	...	2	1	...	13	3	...	...	2
Disabled Persons Act .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	295	149	167	175	66	193	1,016	33	1,049	183	2	1	3,32

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

-	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Tot.
Withdrawn	79	73	44	24	...	37	166	2	107	97	...	...	629
Applicant deceased	15	27	6	6	6	5	80	...	34	7	...	...	186
Total	94	100	50	30	6	42	246	2	141	104	...	...	815

DEATHS DURING 1962-63

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.L.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Age 65	30	16	10	16	21	17	170	3	83	10	2	...	378
Age 66	43	33	30	23	18	27	192	5	166	28	...	...	565
Age 67	50	44	34	38	25	24	199	11	251	27	2	1	706
Age 68	56	66	37	35	35	29	241	11	314	46	...	...	870
Age 69	58	78	35	43	36	55	263	11	413	53	...	...	1,045
Total	237	237	146	155	135	152	1,065	41	1,227	164	4	1	3,564
Widow's pension for —													
Less than 1 year	62	65	37	39	29	45	332	7	260	34	1	...	911
1 to 2 years	66	56	35	34	26	28	221	13	228	28	1	...	736
2 to 3 years	53	43	29	38	28	26	209	9	279	50	2	1	767
3 to 4 years	40	51	32	26	30	34	195	7	253	37	...	...	705
4 to 5 years	16	22	13	18	22	19	108	5	207	15	...	...	445
Surviving spouse in receipt of													
Old age security	19	28	27	19	27	24	71	...	165	18	...	...	398
Old age assistance	21	25	16	16	30	16	107	...	129	16	...	...	376
Sickness allowance	1	1	1	3	...	1	1	...	5	...	...	...	13
Disability allowance .....	...	2	1	1	...	...	12	...	9	...	...	...	25
War veterans allowance .....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Widow's allowance .....	...	...	...	1	4	...	7	...	14	...	...	...	26

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.L.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Until 1, 1962 — March 31, 1963	1,542	1,847	1,162	1,258	1,118	1,332	5,738	186	7,841	1,415	28	14	23,481
Commencement of the Old Age Assistance Act	14,522	20,852	12,301	13,351	11,383	12,678	57,547	1,686	76,024	13,521	238	74	234,177

PROOF OF AGE

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.L.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Age established by —													
Certificate of birth	961	1,160	793	486	338	405	4,402	156	662	825	9	2	10,199
Certificate of baptism	160	168	396	773	871	784	1,872	185	9,697	333	23	...	15,262
Census records alone	55	16	104	7	...	463	419	22	174	44	...	...	1,304
Old Bible records	24	...	36	...	...	2	9	...	4	3	...	...	78
Other records and tribunals	669	592	436	208	96	...	1,245	2	1,048	531	4	3	4,834

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.L.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Single	311	531	424	160	115	257	2,085	67	2,194	271	7	2	6,424
Married couples	143	83	166	55	51	59	822	29	1,089	113	12	2	2,624

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY Single

	Real										Personal										Real and Personal																			
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	
Less than \$ 500	27	45	21	20	29	47	74	...	763	30	1	1	1,058	193	200	71	85	28	123	567	...	865	57	4	...	2,193	40	6	7	5	9	23	17	13	160	20	...	...	300
\$ 500 - 1,000	22	14	31	24	56	29	77	...	126	44	...	...	423	54	36	47	34	5	29	280	...	146	25	...	...	656	34	10	16	16	13	42	58	17	19	23	...	...	248
1,001 - 1,500	1	18	14	13	21	16	62	...	87	21	...	...	253	3	29	21	20	4	17	109	...	88	13	...	...	304	1	6	18	25	17	35	89	21	99	29	...	...	340
1,501 - 2,000	11	20	10	8	13	15	45	...	20	19	...	...	161	20	14	13	14	2	10	72	...	30	15	...	...	190	31	12	20	21	8	23	82	12	93	32	...	...	334
2,001 - 3,000	14	22	13	5	19	10	65	...	47	23	...	...	218	12	14	13	12	2	8	87	...	66	11	...	...	225	46	34	23	30	11	30	170	1	100	48	...	...	493
3,001 - 4,000	6	20	12	1	3	4	36	...	26	13	...	...	121	12	14	13	9	1	8	64	...	22	6	...	...	143	26	35	29	26	4	32	163	1	89	31	...	...	427
4,001 - 5,000	4	8	6	1	3	4	16	...	9	3	...	...	54	6	7	4	5	1	4	37	...	20	1	...	...	85	15	26	9	17	3	12	118	...	53	18	...	...	271
5,001 - 6,000	1	4	2	...	2	2	9	...	2	2	...	...	24	4	2	6	7	...	1	25	...	14	1	...	...	60	14	32	9	10	3	17	65	...	34	11	...	...	195
6,001 - 7,000	1	2	1	...	2	1	8	...	7	3	...	...	25	1	4	...	...	...	6	...	...	7	2	...	...	21	2	14	5	...	2	6	45	...	41	3	...	...	123
7,001 - 8,000 .....	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	1	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	10	6	5	3	6	...	1	31	...	31	...	...	...	83
8,001 - 9,000 .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	2	9	3	1	2	6	12	...	18	...	...	...	53
9,001 - 10,000 .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	29
Over 10,000	1	...	1	1	2	2	...	6	2	3	1	5	7	6	...	16	39

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY Married Couples

	Real										Personal										Real and Personal																			
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	
Less than \$ 500	55	54	29	16	46	43	79	...	715	25	1	...	1,063	88	72	48	52	17	37	200	...	906	34	4	...	1,458	38	3	5	3	15	24	25	35	132	23	5	308
\$ 500 - 1,000	32	27	44	43	138	51	112	...	217	51	715	39	20	13	32	9	4	113	...	254	17	501	52	23	22	19	62	75	67	77	434
1,001 - 1,500	19	36	56	102	29	80	...	169	57	548	5	8	16	6	8	61	...	119	8	239	32	57	39	56	67	52	108	57	348	70	886
1,501 - 2,000	27	17	25	19	42	25	62	...	28	37	282	12	7	8	7	4	6	52	...	22	8	126	71	73	43	62	38	59	151	30	450	80	1	1,058
2,001 - 3,000	20	15	32	12	50	28	74	...	132	35	398	9	7	5	9	4	4	37	...	83	5	163	75	146	111	131	76	110	284	5	410	111	1	1,460
3,001 - 4,000	12	2	8	2	24	7	59	...	57	22	...	...	193	2	4	5	1	4	1	26	...	48	4	...	...	95	59	55	71	88	40	72	275	...	296	72	...	...	1,028
4,001 - 5,000	4	1	8	1	8	1	25	...	41	4	...	...	93	3	...	3	1	1	2	28	...	23	1	...	...	62	52	58	75	28	60	203	...	218	43	...	...	764	
5,001 - 6,000	1	...	2	...	12	4	7	...	17	1	...	...	44	1	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	12	...	...	...	32	40	16	30	42	25	17	143	...	128	37	...	...	478
6,001 - 7,000	2	...	...	1	4	...	3	...	16	2	...	...	28	2	...	2	1	1	5	...	...	17	2	...	...	30	18	1	33	28	12	31	85	...	86	18	...	...	312
7,001 - 8,000 .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	9	...	...	...	17	5	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	3	...	...	...	16	15	2	10	21	8	11	46	...	54	20	...	...	187
8,001 - 9,000	1	...	...	...	5	...	2	...	8	...	...	...	17	3	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	5	...	...	...	11	13	...	16	19	3	4	40	...	41	2	...	...	138
9,001 - 10,000 .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	10	...	...	...	12	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	...	...	...	9	10	...	6	13	4	2	...	...	34	...	...	...	100

Province	1962												1963
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	
Alberta	61.17	60.89	60.77	60.80	60.81	60.71	60.69	60.73	60.69	60.50	60.36	60.30	
British Columbia	52.01	62.57	62.63	62.64	62.63	62.58	62.57	62.52	62.47	62.34	62.34	62.26	
Manitoba	62.07	61.82	61.75	61.65	61.49	61.43	61.24	61.20	61.23	60.99	60.82	60.83	
New Brunswick	62.31	62.23	62.08	61.98	61.96	61.80	61.75	61.74	61.75	61.63	61.58	61.58	
Newfoundland	63.28	63.36	63.28	63.17	63.25	63.22	63.16	63.07	63.10	63.01	63.02	63.00	
Nova Scotia	60.84	60.69	60.62	60.63	60.38	60.32	60.18	60.03	59.94	59.83	59.84	59.76	
Ontario	58.70	59.49	59.44	59.38	59.31	59.19	59.12	59.03	58.97	58.93	58.80	58.80	
Prince Edward Island	61.09	60.84	60.67	60.40	60.41	60.36	60.37	60.33	60.24	60.24	60.24	60.35	
Quebec	51.05	61.16	61.48	61.52	61.48	61.46	61.38	61.43	61.43	61.46	61.48	61.48	
Saskatchewan	50.61	61.10	60.98	60.80	60.67	60.73	60.56	60.31	60.20	60.05	59.88	59.63	
Northwest Territories	53.65	53.69	53.73	53.79	53.42	53.44	53.48	63.58	63.57	63.92	63.24	63.36	
Yukon Territory	54.36	63.93	64.25	64.57	64.53	64.54	64.53	64.51	64.49	64.45	64.45	64.47	

12. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	46	73	16	16	.....	1	53	1	67	23	.....	.....	296
1952-53	769	1,498	684	789	700	549	3,576	78	4,108	782	1	.....	13,534
1953-54	1,078	1,851	1,015	1,103	1,029	937	4,689	127	5,605	943	15	.....	18,392
1954-55	1,202	2,081	1,168	1,284	1,071	1,181	5,065	147	6,675	1,096	16	1	20,987
1955-56	1,345	2,021	1,196	1,107	1,064	1,220	5,487	148	7,120	1,197	20	6	21,931
1956-57	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,391	1,041	1,300	5,624	160	7,320	1,258	18	4	22,616
1957-58	1,376	1,877	1,165	1,200	1,024	1,231	5,548	144	7,394	1,265	26	6	22,256
1958-59	1,420	1,965	1,185	1,368	1,082	1,220	5,281	165	7,341	1,358	29	10	22,424
1959-60	1,498	1,900	1,179	1,310	1,048	1,199	5,527	174	7,454	1,398	23	9	22,719
1960-61	1,441	1,844	1,185	1,230	1,055	1,206	5,401	176	7,284	1,354	28	14	22,218
1961-62	1,460	1,877	1,209	1,295	1,151	1,302	5,558	180	7,815	1,432	34	10	23,323
1962-63	1,542	1,847	1,162	1,258	1,118	1,332	5,738	186	7,841	1,415	28	14	23,481
Total	14,522	20,852	12,301	13,351	11,383	12,678	57,547	1,686	76,024	13,521	238	74	234,177

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northeast Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	2,964	4,134	1,239	3,237	.....	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	...	..	41,601
1952-53	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	..	87,675
1953-54	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,584	64	4	93,273
1954-55	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
1955-56	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
1956-57	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	89,907
1957-58	5,715	6,906	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	92,484
1958-59	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
1959-60	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,682	5,377	5,477	22,544	750	34,312	5,726	128	52	98,773
1960-61	6,584	7,322	5,098	5,555	5,342	5,395	22,736	801	35,441	5,727	135	48	100,184
1961-62	6,494	7,189	5,082	5,421	5,184	5,248	22,868	897	34,615	5,760	140	46	98,944
1962-63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	..	.....
April 1962	6,489	7,114	5,108	5,447	5,203	5,284	22,935	934	34,938	5,747	144	44	99,387
May 1962	6,589	7,058	5,160	5,471	5,219	5,318	23,146	954	35,280	5,807	148	45	100,195
June 1962	6,614	6,981	5,179	5,512	5,243	5,364	23,259	974	35,104	5,829	149	44	100,252
July 1962	6,597	6,935	5,277	5,571	5,247	5,376	23,365	997	35,215	5,871	148	42	100,641
August 1962	6,587	6,975	5,272	5,578	5,255	5,405	23,644	1,020	35,597	5,860	145	38	101,376
September 1962	6,605	6,990	5,306	5,593	5,238	5,414	23,701	1,015	36,164	5,818	147	39	102,030
October 1962	6,585	6,992	5,382	5,587	5,229	5,439	23,801	1,019	36,746	5,812	151	38	102,681
November 1962	6,569	7,017	5,401	5,584	5,222	5,437	23,850	1,037	36,848	5,817	151	37	102,903
December 1962	6,554	7,005	5,420	5,561	5,209	5,422	23,850	1,037	36,965	5,824	150	35	103,032
January 1963	6,511	7,037	5,429	5,546	5,187	5,413	23,847	1,039	36,940	5,801	144	33	102,927
February 1963	6,521	7,040	5,435	5,528	5,192	5,407	23,918	1,040	36,914	5,822	143	33	102,993
March 1963	6,479	7,039	5,448	5,491	5,187	5,421	23,925	1,039	37,086	5,866	144	34	103,159

14. Number and Percentage of Recipients as at March 31, 1963, receiving Maximum and Reduced Assistance Payments

Province	\$65	\$60-64.99	\$55-59.99	\$50-54.99	\$45-49.99	\$40-44.99	\$35-39.99	\$30-34.99	\$25-29.99	\$20-24.99	\$15-19.99	\$10-14.99	\$5-9.99	Less than \$5	Total
Alta.....No. %	5,138 79.30	237 3.66	222 3.43	167 2.58	110 1.70	113 1.74	96 1.48	74 1.14	57 .88	64 .99	49 .76	37 .57	17 .26	98 1.51	6,479
B.C.....No. %	6,001 85.25	225 3.20	176 2.50	123 1.75	109 1.55	109 1.55	71 1.01	75 1.07	43 .61	45 .64	23 .33	17 .24	13 .18	9 .13	7,039
Man.....No. %	4,467 81.99	164 3.01	148 2.72	118 2.17	101 1.85	79 1.45	60 1.10	50 .92	42 .77	28 .51	133 2.44	24 .44	24 .44	10 .18	5,448
N.B.....No. %	4,447 80.99	212 3.86	169 3.08	150 2.73	126 2.29	86 1.57	88 1.60	74 1.35	36 .66	45 .82	25 .46	18 .33	12 .22	3 .05	5,491
Nfld.....No. %	4,646 89.57	99 1.91	89 1.72	83 1.60	61 1.18	55 1.06	38 .73	23 .44	25 .48	24 .46	14 .27	16 .31	11 .21	3 .06	5,187
N.S.....No. %	3,764 69.43	324 5.98	274 5.05	221 4.08	177 3.27	244 4.50	102 1.88	106 1.96	55 1.01	58 1.07	33 .61	23 .42	31 .57	9 .17	5,421
Ont.....No. %	18,395 76.89	650 2.72	663 2.77	600 2.51	535 2.24	649 2.71	373 1.56	307 1.28	236 .99	224 .94	168 .70	118 .49	896 3.75	111 .46	23,925
P.E.I.....No. %	744 71.61	41 3.95	69 6.64	59 5.68	39 3.75	33 3.18	19 1.83	15 1.44	9 .87	5 .48	3 .29	3 .29	3 .29	1,039	1,039
Que.....No. %	30,348 81.83	1,197 3.23	1,193 3.22	910 2.45	856 2.31	584 1.57	485 1.31	407 1.10	387 1.04	282 .76	175 .47	136 .37	95 .26	31 .08	37,086
Sask.....No. %	4,702 80.16	175 2.98	146 2.49	121 2.06	114 1.94	94 1.60	83 1.41	59 1.01	36 .61	44 .75	32 .55	32 .55	215 3.67	13 .22	5,866
N.W.T.....No. %	136 94.44	...	4 2.78	...	1 .69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 2.08	...	144
Y.T.....No. %	33 97.06	...	...	...	1 2.94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Total	82,821	3,324	3,153	2,552	2,230	2,046	1,415	1,190	926	819	655	421	1,320	287	103,159

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1951-52.....	144,051 36	262,668 27	106,689 51	165,637 56	.....	95,673 45	672,512 10	6,532 45	690,081 24	133,392 55	.....	.....	2,277,238 49
1952-53.....	967,948 46	1,701,854 47	1,036,021 86	1,113,921 31	833,898 50	893,059 70	4,586,572 90	66,313 41	6,927,593 20	997,396 06	4,257 50	.....	19,128,837 37
1953-54.....	1,107,190 01	1,863,051 68	1,112,322 18	1,248,339 19	896,428 59	1,028,756 25	4,726,152 91	85,985 94	7,187,259 43	1,017,535 28	14,251 14	880 00	20,288,152 60	
1954-55.....	1,165,331 91	1,872,909 14	1,119,638 96	1,288,095 23	898,972 70	1,063,165 10	4,858,692 93	98,531 00	7,392,922 60	1,089,704 15	18,941 89	2,220 48	20,869,126 09	
1955-56.....	1,240,451 68	1,788,308 64	1,111,603 66	1,303,188 68	877,212 91	1,046,927 35	4,918,977 94	99,659 66	7,357,373 13	1,150,402 27	21,000 19	3,080 00	20,918,186 11	
1956-57.....	1,220,050 48	1,669,790 16	1,065,848 06	1,276,064 34	1,016,721 41	1,026,319 49	4,917,967 96	98,220 39	7,159,030 50	1,159,832 81	22,619 33	6,640 00	20,399,104 92	
1957-58.....	1,538,750 51	1,979,058 25	1,297,115 27	1,559,905 44	1,298,769 97	1,318,054 57	5,650,280 73	142,257 55	8,702,892 76	1,435,187 62	29,384 56	9,726 00	24,961,383 23	
1958-59.....	1,877,243 00	2,291,661 85	1,572,889 81	1,829,265 76	1,715,386 07	1,611,693 19	6,707,318 27	191,758 72	10,593,250 32	1,763,548 80	39,989 07	13,279 50	30,207,284 36	
1959-60.....	1,955,162 45	2,353,754 69	1,580,918 16	1,788,776 68	1,736,290 55	1,619,202 85	6,608,442 92	204,795 00	10,688,151 37	1,757,262 44	40,266 95	14,524 00	30,347,548 06	
1960-61.....	2,008,762 99	2,332,521 16	1,600,649 64	1,746,572 42	1,707,883 27	1,608,128 71	6,629,557 24	216,869 72	10,977,063 79	1,769,692 94	43,482 47	15,956 50	30,657,141 05	
1961-62.....	2,000,955 96	2,283,927 11	1,652,229 47	1,760,484 31	1,672,509 98	1,569,348 48	6,903,030 92	248,608 10	10,896,301 71	1,761,660 79	46,021 33	15,507 00	30,810,585 16	
1962-63.....	277,925 03	186,984 20	163,382 95	170,970 31	165,280 60	210,390 48	695,790 03	39,777 63	926,376 44	148,967 74	3,862 92	1,196 00	2,990,904 33	
April.....	212,911 74	261,087 36	164,757 85	172,289 98	166,473 33	165,307 05	726,496 41	29,204 65	1,488,855 04	276,977 11	4,165 42	2,058 50	3,670,544 47	
May.....	207,773 11	221,082 98	165,801 58	173,180 45	166,944 31	165,317 68	694,285 81	29,414 52	1,122,618 45	184,507 44	4,085 42	1,448 50	3,136,460 25	
June.....	205,357 96	222,537 69	165,507 15	175,090 67	166,692 77	165,859 02	701,431 63	30,008 35	1,119,592 69	182,641 44	3,980 42	1,393 50	3,140,093 29	
July.....	205,775 02	224,751 99	166,739 78	173,780 48	167,236 44	164,703 27	713,043 00	30,874 90	1,132,080 23	180,799 10	3,872 92	1,161 00	3,165,312 35	
August.....	206,678 96	222,595 21	169,310 50	173,682 98	167,236 44	165,501 46	707,572 38	30,820 47	1,142,684 61	179,781 68	3,970 42	1,258 50	3,171,093 61	
September.....	206,614 84	223,565 79	168,852 97	174,184 50	167,179 74	164,814 55	704,314 79	29,869 47	1,154,714 44	179,639 49	4,650 42	1,226 00	3,179,147 00	
October.....	205,072 40	224,294 71	169,969 96	174,081 62	166,155 71	163,907 08	709,265 19	30,772 45	1,148,425 42	177,723 95	7,746 32	1,193 50	3,178,608 31	
November.....	203,762 69	222,082 71	169,754 91	172,222 25	164,657 87	163,142 10	705,714 08	31,136 05	1,147,398 54	179,052 72	7,467 50	1,128 50	3,164,819 92	
December.....	205,922 56	224,378 99	170,197 97	172,327 42	163,872 71	163,423 49	706,916 99	31,308 90	1,143,364 86	179,056 07	4,602 50	1,063 50	3,166,430 96	
January.....	200,900 43	224,103 56	168,889 55	170,593 25	164,209 53	161,896 21	706,737 29	31,311 85	1,147,534 94	178,367 61	4,756 00	1,063 50	3,160,363 72	
February.....	200,529 29	223,233 11	168,822 40	168,941 00	164,228 66	162,587 55	703,923 29	31,095 70	1,156,876 66	179,537 06	4,474 50	1,066 00	3,164,545 22	
March.....	2,539,224 03	2,680,658 33	2,011,982 57	2,070,444 91	1,990,762 33	2,016,849 94	8,475,490 89	375,714 94	13,830,522 32	2,227,051 41	54,334 76	15,287 00	38,288,323 43	
Total.....	2,539,224 03	2,680,658 33	2,011,982 57	2,070,444 91	1,990,762 33	2,016,849 94	8,475,490 89	375,714 94	13,830,522 32	2,227,051 41	54,334 76	15,287 00	38,288,323 43	
Deduct—														
Amounts recovered														
account of														
overpayments.....	31,007 37	10,901 69	20,753 80	8,990 52	7,061 96	17,957 71	34,395 81	710 75	73,554 10	13,023 91	120 00	.....	218,477 62
Add—														
Amounts reimbursed														
provinces account of														
overpayments.....	15,503 68	5,450 84	10,376 90	4,495 26	3,512 98	8,978 85	17,197 90	345 37	36,777 05	6,511 95	60 00	.....	109,210 78
Total 1962-63.....	2,523,720 34	2,675,207 48	2,001,605 67	2,065,949 05	1,987,213 35	2,007,871 08	8,458,292 98	375,349 56	13,793,745 27	2,220,539 45	54,274 76	15,287 00	38,179,056 59	

16. Population by age group for Canada and the Provinces at June 1, 1962 as estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics

(In thousands)

Age	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.
Total.....	18,570.0	470.0	106.0	746.0	607.0	5,366.0	6,342.0	935.0	930.0	1,370.0	1,659.0	15.0	24.0
0-4	2,285.4	69.9	13.4	92.0	79.4	672.4	753.3	109.3	114.6	185.1	189.2	2.5	4.3
5-9	2,103.8	64.3	12.2	85.3	75.6	632.6	682.9	101.9	107.1	162.7	174.3	1.8	3.1
10-14	1,916.3	61.3	12.4	81.7	74.3	582.5	615.6	93.8	96.7	137.3	156.8	1.3	2.6
15-19	1,511.5	47.1	9.5	67.3	57.2	490.0	463.0	74.4	75.8	104.7	120.0	0.8	1.7
20-24	1,211.7	32.2	6.7	50.9	39.3	384.2	399.8	60.1	57.5	90.5	97.4	1.0	2.1
25-29	1,192.6	26.9	5.6	43.8	33.4	360.7	412.4	56.9	53.3	95.4	100.6	1.4	2.2
30-34	1,260.3	25.7	5.3	42.6	33.2	372.9	453.1	58.8	56.6	97.9	110.7	1.5	2.0
35-39	1,282.1	24.9	5.6	44.4	35.5	364.2	473.6	62.6	58.0	93.8	116.7	1.3	1.5
40-44	1,144.2	24.3	5.7	44.5	34.1	316.7	409.1	58.5	56.6	83.4	109.1	1.0	1.2
45-49	1,032.8	22.3	5.7	41.6	31.0	280.6	366.0	55.0	52.9	72.7	103.3	0.7	1.0
50-54	889.1	18.4	5.0	35.8	26.8	243.2	318.0	47.6	45.7	60.5	86.8	0.5	0.8
55-59	727.3	13.8	4.0	28.1	21.5	196.6	264.8	39.2	37.9	50.5	69.8	0.5	0.6
60-64	585.7	11.5	3.8	23.7	18.1	154.6	222.3	32.4	31.1	40.3	57.2	0.3	0.4
65-69	491.4	9.8	3.6	21.3	16.2	139.6	182.3	28.1	27.7	32.1	50.2	0.2	0.3
70-74	404.8	7.5	3.0	17.6	13.3	90.1	147.6	24.6	25.0	27.8	48.0	0.1	0.2
75-79	282.2	5.6	2.3	12.7	9.4	58.0	100.7	17.5	18.5	19.8	37.6	0.1	*
80-84	153.2	2.9	1.3	7.6	5.4	30.6	55.3	9.2	10.0	10.2	20.7	*	*
85-89	63.9	1.2	0.6	3.6	2.3	12.6	23.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	8.2	*	*
90+	21.7	0.4	0.3	1.5	1.0	3.9	8.5	1.3	1.1	1.3	2.4	*	*

17. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities—Ordinary Life Plan
Monthly Annuity Purchasable with \$1000 at Certain Ages

	Age	Monthly Annuity for \$1,000	
		Male	Female
1931-40.....	21	3.74	3.65
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
1921-30.....	26	3.87	3.75
	30	3.98	3.84
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
1911-20.....	45	4.66	4.35
	36	4.25	4.03
	40	4.44	4.17
	45	4.74	4.40
1901-10.....	50	5.12	4.69
	55	5.60	5.08
	46	4.90	4.50
	50	5.23	4.75
1891-1900.....	55	5.74	5.16
	60	6.40	5.72
	65	7.32	6.50
	56	6.01	5.34
1890 and before.....	60	6.59	5.83
	65	7.55	6.64
	70	8.93	7.82
	75	10.99	9.62
	66	8.03	7.00
	70	9.23	8.03
	75	11.33	9.83
	80	14.53	12.67
	85	19.65	17.30

NOTE: These rates took effect on April 1, 1957. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.

**REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
IN CANADA**

Under the Provisions of the
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT

Chapter 199, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952
as amended by 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)
6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 6 (1957-1958)
10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1962)
12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)

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*To His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1964, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JUDY LAMARSH
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1964.

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The Honourable JUDY LAMARSH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD
Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1964.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year 1963-64

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

During the fiscal year old age assistance for persons 65 to 69 years of age was provided in all parts of Canada. As at March 31, 1964, there were 105,241 recipients. Federal payments to the provinces of one-half of the provinces' expenditure for assistance amounted to \$39,208,181.11.

During 1963-64 provincial authorities dealt with 34,668 applications. Of this number 30,466 were approved, 3,449 were declined and 753 were not completed. Excess income was the reason for rejection in most cases. Of the number of applications not completed 586 were withdrawn. In the remaining 167 cases the applicants died before decisions had been made. There were 23,842 recipients transferred to old age security.

The number of recipients at March 31, 1964 was 21 per cent of the number in the age group 65 to 69 estimated at 497,300 as at June 1, 1963.

The following is a summary of operations under the Old Age Assistance Act from 1953-54 to 1963-64 -

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1953-54	30,416	5,530	18,392	93,273	20,288,152 60
1954-55	27,688	5,034	20,987	94,625	20,869,126 09
1955-56	25,820	4,689	21,931	93,023	20,918,186 11
1956-57	24,423	4,637	22,616	89,907	20,399,104 92
1957-58	28,638	4,480	22,256	92,484	24,961,383 23
1958-59	32,291	4,964	22,424	97,836	30,207,284 36
1959-60	28,628	4,278	22,719	98,773	30,347,548 06
1960-61	28,392	4,260	22,218	100,184	30,657,141 05
1961-62	26,827	4,468	23,323	98,944	30,810,585 16
1962-63	31,677	4,144	23,481	103,159	38,179,056 59
1963-64	30,466	4,202	23,842	105,241	39,208,181 11

Further statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 10 to 15 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

During the fiscal year the Act was amended with effect from December 1, 1963 to increase the maximum payment in which the Government of Canada may share from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed by \$120 a year in the case of an unmarried person and \$240 a year in the case of a married person.

Bill C-125 was passed by the House of Commons and the Senate on December 12, 1963, receiving Royal Assent the same date as Chapter 26, Statutes of Canada, 1963.

Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows —

Period	Maximum monthly assistance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40	65	20	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	65	20	840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	\$55	65	10	960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	\$65	65	10	1,140 (unmarried) 1,980 (married) 2,340 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	\$75	65	10	1,260 (unmarried) 2,220 (married) 2,580 (blind spouse)

3. *Agreements with Provinces and Territories*

Following the amendments of 1963 to the Act, the agreements with the provinces were amended to provide for the payment of maximum assistance of \$900 a year and to allow the increased amounts of maximum income provided by the Act, as amended.

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Quebec amended their agreements with effect from April 1, 1964. The effective date specified by the other provinces was December 1, 1963. At March 31, 1964, amending agreements had not been completed with the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory.

The Order in Council authorizing the Minister of National Health and Welfare to sign the agreements on behalf of the Government of Canada was P.C. 1963-1841 of December 16, 1963.

4. *Administration — Federal*

The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of assistance payments. The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

5. *Administration — Provincial*

Old Age Assistance is paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

The following is a list of provincial acts, territorial ordinances and regulations in force as at March 31, 1964 —

ALBERTA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 288, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, as amended by chapter 106, Statutes of Alberta, 1964. (Old Age Assistance Regulations, Alberta Regulation 296/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1434/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Old-age Assistance Act, Chapter 2, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session). (Old-age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 3032, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 189, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 43, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session) and Chapter 37, Statutes of Manitoba, 1964. (Manitoba Regulation 26/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 53/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 105/57, filed December 11, 1957 and Manitoba Regulation 16/62, filed February 27, 1962).

NEW BRUNSWICK—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 163, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960–61. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52–1306, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 61, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by No. 16, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, No. 46, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957, and No. 5, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037–52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 36, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 267, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960. (Ontario Regulation 457, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 33, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 25, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 26, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 28, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC—

An Act to Assist Persons Sixty-five to Seventy Years, Chapter 3, Statutes of Quebec, 1951–52 as amended by Chapter 65, Statutes of Quebec, 1959. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 242, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan 1953, as amended by Chapter 58, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 871, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES —

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74 Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session) and Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1962 (Second Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY —

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82 Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958, as amended by Chapter 2, 1961 (First Session) and Chapter 17, 1962 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

Provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1964 —

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable L.C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—D. W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—K.T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable W. D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable J.B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable W. R. Duffie, Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. E. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Youth and Welfare

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—H. G. Kimball, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable Myles P. Murray, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—A. J. McCrowe, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable W. S. Kennedy Jones, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—F. R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Welfare and Labour, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister—Honourable Emilien Lafrance, Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable A. M. Nicholson, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Commissioner—B.G. Sivertz, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—F.J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—G.R. Cameron, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority—C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. *Advisory Board and Regulations*

During the fiscal year the Old Age Assistance Regulations were amended to enable the provinces, by agreement, to avoid overpayments where, by reason of an increase of \$10 a month in old age security from October 1, 1963 received by one spouse, the income ceiling of the other spouse, whose assistance and income ceiling could not be increased prior to December 1, 1963, was exceeded. The amending paragraph, added to section 11(2), could not apply beyond March 31, 1964.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulations, did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. *Supplementary Report on Old Age Pensions*

Although operations under the Old Age Pensions Act ceased as at December 31, 1951, there are still transactions reported by the provinces. In 1963–64 there was a refund from Ontario, the federal share being \$372.86. There was also a payment to Ontario, the federal share of which was \$30.00. Total federal expenditure under the Act as at March 31, 1964 was \$810,908,179.83. Including pensions for the blind, the total was \$836,836,634.58.

8. *Comparison with Related Acts*

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1964.

—	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordi- nances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same

—	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$75 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$1,260—unmarried 2,220—married 2,580—married—blind spouse	\$1,500—unmarried 1,980—unmarried—dependent child 2,580—married 2,700—married—blind spouse	\$1,260—unmarried 2,220—married 2,580—married—blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanatoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, disability or war veterans allowance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allowance, old age security or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may specify maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allowance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be continuous if pensioner has 25 years residence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

Another program closely associated with old age assistance, blindness allowances and disabled persons allowances is the federal-provincial unemployment assistance program established by the Unemployment Assistance Act. Under the authority of the Act the Federal Government has entered into agreements to reimburse the provinces and territories 50 per cent of their payments to persons unemployed and in need. The Federal Government also shares under this program in assistance paid to recipients of the three assistance programs mentioned above as well as to recipients of old age security and unemployment insurance where supplementation is required. Such payments must be based on an individual assessment of need which takes into account the applicant's personal requirements and financial resources. Other conditions are determined by the provinces.

The main features of this plan as at March 31, 1964, were as follows —	
Legislation	Federal Acts, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances.
Administration	Federal, provincial and municipal.
Agreements	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance to persons unemployed and in need.
Sources of funds	Federal 50% — Provincial-Municipal 50%.
Minimum age	No age limit, but children must be dependents of recipients.
Residence in Canada	No residence requirement; residence must not be a condition of eligibility for persons moving from one province to another.
Maximum payment	No federal maximum; rates set by provinces.
Maximum income allowed	No federal maximum; income limits set by provinces.
Medical test	None.
Institutions	Federal Act provides for sharing in home for special care, such as homes for the aged and nursing homes.
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable.
Variable requirements	Rates of assistance and conditions of eligibility are set by the provinces.
Absences from Canada	No federal requirement; a province grants aid only while recipients are in the province.

9. *Changes from Inception of Old Age Pensions*

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent March 31, 1927.
- 1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931, to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records—Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over—Date of Assent March 31, 1937.

- 942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act—P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension—P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 947 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being—
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- (Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).
- 949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year—Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada—Date of Assent March 25, 1949.
- 950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.
- 951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada—Date of Assent May 31, 1951.
- 951 The following Acts passed by Parliament—
- (a) Old Age Security Act—Date of Assent December 21, 1951.
- (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test.

The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repealed the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).

(b) Old Age Assistance Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the provinces. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old age assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).

(c) Blind Persons Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).

1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.

1952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954, under Old Age Security Act.

1954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent June 26, 1954.

1955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.

1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent June 28, 1955.

1957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum as-

sistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

957 Definition of the expression “totally and permanently disabled” shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.

957 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid—Date of Assent November 7, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

959 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.

959 Old Age Security Act amended to increase the Old Age Security tax from 2 to 3 per cent—Date of Assent June 4, 1959.

960 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely—Date of Assent July 7, 1960.

962 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the maximum federal pension from \$55 to \$65 a month — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons' Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

1963 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from October 1, 1963, the maximum federal pension from \$65 to \$75 a month – Date of Assent October 16, 1963.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from December 1, 1963, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed – Date of Assent December 12, 1963.

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
Act (Federal) operative as from						
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	6,644	6,864	5,436	5,447	5,081	5,509
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	2.33	2.96	2.96	2.62	2.04	2.80
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age	20.32	13.70	19.35	33.83	51.85	25.99
	\$ cta.	\$ cta.	\$ cta.	\$ cta.	\$ cta.	\$ cta.
Average monthly payment.....	69.56	72.01	70.06	70.96	62.79	69.11
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1963 - March 31, 1964.....	2,559,785.40	2,781,892.45	2,105,939.67	2,121,387.79	1,945,020.54	2,084,088.41
TOTAL						
	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	TOTAL
Act (Federal) operative as from						
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	25,197	1,130	38,206	5,549	31	105,241
*Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population.....	2.87	3.36	2.24	2.95	1.25	1.33
*Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age.....	13.61	31.39	31.16	20.18	49.00	15.50
	\$ cta.	\$ cta.	\$ cta.	\$ cta.	\$ cta.	\$ cta.
Average monthly payment.....	67.59	60.38	60.96	68.59	64.40	65.00
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1963 - March 31, 1964.....	9,134,697.50	394,947.07	13,860,075.19	2,151,490.09	12,113.50	39,208,181.11

*Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1963.
Average monthly assistance (Canada) \$85.22

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1963-1964

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	N.F.L.D.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Total	1,951	1,905	1,537	1,433	1,158	1,605	8,239	372	10,814	1,393	46	13	30,466
Male	880	897	680	656	548	706	3,200	174	4,663	676	24	3	13,107
Female	1,071	1,008	857	777	610	899	5,039	198	6,151	717	22	10	17,359
Married	505	498	365	390	462	418	1,621	122	3,210	2,781	418	352	7,967
Single	269	104	239	49	142	60	106	73	50	41	169	88	716
Widower	87	108	63	49	57	85	382	13	487	672	130	41	2,465
Widow	446	399	314	241	192	351	2,430	98	2,327	52	6	2	1,931
Separated	11	15	153	128	78	86	46	53	2	11	360	371	7,057
Divorced	8	8	32	36	8	7	409	452	7	2	2	813	824
Age 65	469	733	559	658	372	552	439	533	451	645	1,761	2,774	471
66	165	131	126	128	111	114	77	61	40	38	100	86	1,986
67	99	85	90	103	80	88	51	52	34	18	67	82	1,530
68	89	69	54	65	69	63	31	38	23	17	59	57	1,032
69	58	53	68	54	48	40	29	14	12	4	29	29	1,644
Over 70	338	479	507	610	246	395	103	173	49	94	71	144	1,070
In cities	184	267	74	105	96	145	36	81	104	118	204	286	7,505
In towns	250	249	188	188	116	150	1	2	395	398	339	319	3,080
In villages	108	76	87	79	148	125	243	248	92	150	227	168	4,409
On farms .....	...	...	41	26	74	42	273	273	...	...	...	...	1,419
Other	467	577	331	461	340	426	468	439	475	491	473	560	1,219
Own homes	174	203	382	282	174	203	382	282	174	203	382	282	1,070
Rented houses or apt's	292	375	249	375	249	375	249	375	249	375	249	375	1,070
Children - relatives	108	50	66	72	87	183	53	137	42	90	89	195	6,447
Rented rooms	50	41	48	27	39	24	11	8	585	1,912	57	90	3,526
Public institutions	9	5	10	13	4	5	1	3	68	59	23	16	1,745
Private institutions .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,369
Other .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	508
Number receiving regular annual income .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Pension other than under Old Age Assistance Act	11	163	36	17	79	301	769	...	1,218	41	...	...	123
Annuity of any kind	130	22	54	4	...	...	142	...	218	14	5	...	6,447
Spouses in receipt of old age security	216	238	218	181	162	211	767	58	1,022	142	4	3	2,659
Number receiving unemployment insurance	33	113	60	118	81	88	460	40	519	18	...	...	589
													3,222
													1,530

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES

FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 to 1963-64

AGE	1951- 1952	1952- 1953	1953- 1954	1954- 1955	1955- 1956	1956- 1957	1957- 1958	1958- 1959	1959- 1960	1960- 1961	1961- 1962	1962- 1963	1963- 1964
Total	29,344 ¹	52,290 ²	30,416	27,688	25,820	24,423	28,638	32,291	28,628	28,392	26,827	31,677	30,466
.....	5,465	18,742	17,938	16,969	16,129	15,793	17,001	18,939	18,538	17,772	16,639	20,613	20,178
%	18.62	35.84	58.98	61.28	62.47	64.67	59.36	58.65	64.75	62.60	62.02	65.07	66.23
.....	5,888	9,895	4,143	3,787	3,494	3,311	4,725	4,892	3,673	3,922	4,161	4,278	3,901
%	20.07	18.92	13.62	13.68	13.53	13.56	16.50	15.15	12.83	13.81	15.51	13.51	12.80
.....	6,467	9,288	3,323	2,888	2,691	2,280	3,141	3,840	2,540	2,795	2,618	2,978	2,849
%	22.03	17.76	10.92	10.43	10.42	9.34	10.97	11.89	8.87	9.84	9.76	9.40	9.35
.....	6,390	8,457	2,870	2,391	2,109	1,867	2,222	2,845	2,447	2,431	2,093	2,345	2,220
%	21.78	16.17	9.44	8.64	8.17	7.64	7.76	8.81	8.55	8.56	7.80	7.40	7.29
.....	5,134	5,908	2,142	1,653	1,396	1,172	1,544	1,769	1,426	1,468	1,316	1,461	1,318
%	17.50	11.30	7.04	5.97	5.41	4.79	5.39	5.48	4.98	5.17	4.91	4.61	4.33
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	5	6	4	4	.....	2	.....
%	.....	.....	.....	.....	.004	.....	.02	.02	.01	.01	.....	.01	.....

Three months, January 1 to March 31, 1952.

and Ontario figures not included.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

-	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
at 65 years of age	68	49	46	28	33	52	115	...	57	62	2	1	513
able to prove age .....	.....	1	...	.....	6	...	1	...	9	...	...	...	17
o much income	164	72	94	156	55	124	710	34	825	87	...	1	2,322
t sufficient residence	19	4	4	4	...	...	10	...	42	...	...	...	83
able to prove residence .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	3
ansfer of property	14	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	19	...	...	...	38
r veterans allowance	1	15	10	19	15	21	98	4	15	1	...	...	199
nd Persons Act	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
ereabouts unknown	4	15	3	...	...	...	16	...	...	1	...	...	39
fused information	37	31	11	1	...	...	10	...	23	17	...	...	130
sistance private source .....	...	5	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	10
er 70 years .....	...	15	1	13	...	3	13	1	31	...	...	...	77
d age security .....	...	...	...	1	1	...	3	...	11	1	...	...	17
abled Persons Act .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	308	210	169	225	110	200	982	39	1,032	170	2	2	3,449

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

-	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
drawn	46	76	44	18	4	23	133	5	154	83	...	...	586
licant deceased	15	26	3	8	3	14	47	1	40	10	...	...	167
Total	61	102	47	26	7	37	180	6	194	93	...	...	753

DEATHS DURING 1963-64

	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
At age 65.....	31	30	15	20	20	25	149	1	310	17	...	...	618
66.....	30	48	24	33	26	36	190	6	248	32	...	...	673
67.....	57	44	27	25	31	39	218	7	329	41	1	...	819
68.....	50	56	46	26	40	40	236	4	320	46	3	...	867
69.....	59	57	49	42	39	43	249	12	130	46	1	1	728
Total	227	235	161	146	156	183	1,042	30	1,337	182	5	1	3,705
On payroll for—													
Less than 1 year	53	63	37	30	27	54	307	8	375	41	1	...	996
1 to 2 years	78	58	43	47	32	45	238	7	276	48	1	...	873
2 to 3 years	51	43	20	30	43	26	215	7	293	43	3	...	774
3 to 4 years	34	38	34	23	24	31	171	6	214	32	...	...	607
4 to 5 years	11	33	27	16	30	27	111	2	179	18	...	1	455
Surviving spouse in receipt of—													
Old age security	27	16	12	13	32	18	93	...	156	17	2	...	386
Old age assistance	15	29	8	17	36	13	93	...	160	13	...	...	384
Blindness allowance	1	...	...	...	1	1	3	...	6	...	...	...	12
Disability allowance .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	11	...	10	...	...	...	23
War Veterans allowance .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Mothers allowance	2	...	...	1	...	7	12	...	17	...	...	...	39

PROOF OF AGE

	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Age established by—													
Certificate of birth	1,177	1,148	710	507	300	442	4,762	85	724	688	12	...	10,555
Certificate of baptism	167	210	353	764	784	725	1,939	243	8,832	238	14	2	14,271
Census records alone	71	19	136	8	2	438	328	36	156	12	...	2	1,208
Old Bible records	29	.....	1	1	...	...	7	2	3	38	...	...	81
Other records and tribunals	507	528	337	153	72	...	1,203	6	1,099	417	20	9	4,351

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Single	393	518	376	156	112	257	2,185	87	1,733	253	13	4	6,087
Married couples	228	118	144	61	46	66	627	27	1,021	132	12	...	2,482

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																			
	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	
Less than \$ 500.....	9	26	12	16	39	42	82	...	62	33	1	2	324	168	206	73	89	19	116	682	...	1,663	47	2	1	3,066	5	2	6	11	7	23	39	5	47	11	1	1	158	
\$ 500 - 1,000.....	34	11	20	23	48	28	62	...	50	27	...	1	304	54	39	28	41	2	31	350	...	315	22	...	...	882	23	11	12	12	16	28	66	24	...	20	1	...	213
1,001 - 1,500.....	...	16	17	13	18	20	57	...	63	18	...	...	222	5	16	13	14	1	15	142	...	51	5	...	...	262	...	13	19	14	9	35	87	22	91	20	...	...	810
1,501 - 2,000.....	22	13	6	9	6	13	41	...	12	12	...	...	134	22	10	15	6	...	13	82	...	12	7	...	...	167	28	22	18	23	8	30	117	2	95	25	...	...	368
2,001 - 3,000.....	20	16	19	7	10	14	68	...	52	25	...	...	231	12	15	8	8	...	6	105	...	51	9	...	...	214	38	47	30	24	13	57	205	...	90	25	...	...	529
3,001 - 4,000.....	14	17	5	3	7	8	32	...	21	12	...	...	119	8	7	10	6	1	5	65	...	21	2	...	...	125	28	35	21	19	7	28	185	...	76	19	...	...	418
4,001 - 5,000.....	7	6	2	4	2	23	32	...	16	1	...	...	61	7	11	5	2	3	30	9	...	9	...	...	...	67	14	35	18	19	2	12	147	...	48	16	...	...	311
5,001 - 6,000.....	3	2	1	5	7	1	5	...	13	...	...	...	32	...	...	2	1	...	25	...	2	3	...	...	...	33	18	15	10	7	7	13	92	...	39	6	...	...	207
6,001 - 7,000.....	1	1	...	3	2	3	8	...	18	...	...	...	18	...	1	...	1	...	12	...	1	...	...	...	...	15	9	21	12	7	2	5	75	...	30	1	...	...	162
7,001 - 8,000.....	2	...	...	1	...	2	3	...	...	3	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	3	5	1	9	...	6	23	...	25	...	...	...	72
8,001 - 9,000.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	...	...	...	14	...	15	...	...	...	...	41
9,001 - 10,000.....	1	5	6	3	3	...	1	5	...	19	1	32
Over 10,000.00.....	5	4	9	1	3	4	1	4	49

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY
MARRIED COUPLES

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																				
	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL		
Less than \$ 500.....	16	58	21	21	30	44	53	...	97	31	2	...	373	97	76	35	43	5	38	205	...	1,441	18	5	4	1,967	7	8	6	2	22	18	24	55	110	13	6	271	
\$ 500 - 1,000.....	47	14	40	38	129	45	112	...	217	60	...	...	702	32	19	21	20	3	16	102	...	224	9	1	...	447	13	30	13	19	52	58	76	112	2	32	...	...	407
1,001 - 1,500.....	4	25	32	98	32	81	588	...	8	12	16	2	2	61	...	27	3	131	...	48	36	53	66	63	125	35	343	40	1	810	
1,501 - 2,000.....	51	15	21	16	20	29	53	...	34	30	...	...	269	...	22	6	5	8	2	39	...	14	3	...	...	99	69	62	66	34	60	140	3416	43	1	...	...	926	
2,001 - 3,000.....	42	19	19	17	64	24	71	...	180	45	...	...	481	...	5	4	5	3	2	46	...	22	3	...	...	98	72	140	88	140	66	98	304	...	375	76	...	...	1,359
3,001 - 4,000.....	26	4	13	2	17	16	39	...	109	18	244	...	5	6	5	...	21	...	21	...	3	2	42	79	72	64	91	45	70	266	...	311	62	1,060	
4,001 - 5,000.....	15	...	4	6	6	2	18	...	69	6	126	2	2	5	2	...	15	...	15	...	3	2	31	38	21	54	71	24	39	196	...	196	35	674	
5,001 - 6,000.....	2	...	4	...	8	3	5	...	39	4	...	...	65	9	...	1	...	...	14	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	26	36	8	32	47	12	141	...	142	12	...	...	459
6,001 - 7,000.....	1	...	2	4	...	1	...	...	20	3	...	...	31	1	...	2	...	...	10	...	10	...	2	...	...	...	15	25	3	18	12	12	105	...	83	20	...	...	310
7,001 - 8,000.....	5	...	...	...	3	1	1	...	18	...	...	...	28	1	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	6	17	1	18	7	6	76	...	74	5	...	...	222
8,001 - 9,000.....	4	4	2	1	...	16	1	28	1	1	2	...	2	6	11	13	19	5	10	34	...	35	4	131	
9,001 - 10,000.....	1	7	1	9	2	2	7	...	6	8	3	1	23	...	46	1	95
Over 10,000.....	2	2	4	...	8	16	1	4	...	4	5	12	...	6	17	3	3	22	...	96	3	162

AVERAGE ASSISTANCE IN EACH MONTH OF FISCAL YEAR 1963-64

Province	1963											1964		
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March		
Alberta.....	\$ 60.30	\$ 60.29	\$ 60.28	\$ 60.15	\$ 60.13	\$ 60.12	\$ 59.96	\$ 59.88	\$ 59.89	\$ 69.67	\$ 69.57	\$ 69.56		
British Columbia.....	62.24	62.22	62.20	62.19	62.18	62.12	62.74	61.82	61.80	71.79	72.07	72.01		
Manitoba.....	60.78	60.66	60.65	60.64	60.65	60.58	60.61	60.57	70.39	70.32	70.18	70.06		
New Brunswick.....	61.55	61.54	61.48	61.44	61.33	61.37	61.01	61.06	61.00	71.43	71.14	70.96		
Newfoundland.....	62.88	62.87	62.84	62.85	62.92	62.93	62.95	62.90	62.86	62.84	62.93	62.79		
Nova Scotia.....	59.62	59.53	59.46	59.47	59.42	59.34	59.28	59.28	59.50	59.81	63.17	69.11		
Ontario.....	58.75	58.72	58.83	58.79	58.80	58.73	58.61	58.53	67.56	67.53	67.67	67.59		
Prince Edward Island.....	60.35	60.36	60.30	60.30	60.44	60.29	60.39	60.48	60.46	60.40	60.49	60.38		
Quebec.....	61.40	61.34	61.27	61.23	61.18	61.09	61.05	60.99	60.95	61.02	61.01	60.96		
Saskatchewan.....	59.65	59.56	59.58	59.74	59.78	59.84	59.74	59.43	59.04	59.08	68.73	68.59		
Northwest Territories.....	63.79	64.62	64.61	64.49	64.47	64.59	64.46	64.46	64.53	64.54	64.33	64.40		
Yukon Territory.....	64.49	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00		

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-1952.....	46	73	16	16	.....	1	53	1	67	23	.....	.....	296
1952-1953.....	769	1,498	584	789	700	549	3,576	78	4,108	782	1	.....	13,534
1953-1954.....	1,078	1,851	1,015	1,103	1,029	937	4,689	127	5,605	943	15	.....	18,392
1954-1955.....	1,202	2,081	1,168	1,284	1,071	1,181	5,065	147	6,675	1,096	16	1	20,987
1955-1956.....	1,345	2,021	1,196	1,107	1,064	1,220	5,487	148	7,120	1,197	20	6	21,931
1956-1957.....	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,391	1,041	1,300	5,624	160	7,320	1,258	18	4	22,616
1957-1958.....	1,376	1,877	1,165	1,200	1,024	1,231	5,548	144	7,394	1,265	26	6	22,256
1958-1959.....	1,420	1,965	1,185	1,368	1,082	1,220	5,281	165	7,341	1,358	29	10	22,424
1959-1960.....	1,498	1,900	1,179	1,310	1,048	1,199	5,327	174	7,454	1,398	23	9	22,719
1960-1961.....	1,441	1,844	1,185	1,230	1,055	1,206	5,401	175	7,284	1,354	28	14	22,218
1961-1962.....	1,460	1,877	1,209	1,295	1,151	1,302	5,556	180	7,815	1,432	34	10	23,323
1962-1963.....	1,542	1,847	1,162	1,258	1,118	1,332	5,738	186	7,841	1,415	28	14	23,481
1963-1964.....	1,486	1,792	1,302	1,301	1,141	1,303	5,749	259	8,041	1,421	32	15	23,842
Total.....	16,008	22,644	13,803	14,652	12,824	13,981	61,296	1,945	84,065	14,942	270	89	258,019

13. Number of Recipients at End of Each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act.

Fiscal year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-1952.....	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	.....	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	.....	.....	41,601
1952-1953.....	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	.....	87,675
1953-1954.....	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,584	64	4	93,273
1954-1955.....	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
1955-1956.....	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
1956-1957.....	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	89,907
1957-1958.....	5,715	6,906	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	92,484
1958-1959.....	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
1959-1960.....	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,682	5,377	5,477	22,544	750	34,312	5,726	128	52	98,773
1960-1961.....	6,584	7,322	5,098	5,555	5,342	5,395	22,736	801	35,441	5,727	135	48	100,184
1961-1962.....	6,494	7,189	5,082	5,421	5,184	5,248	22,868	897	34,615	5,760	140	46	98,944
1962-1963.....	6,479	7,039	5,448	5,491	5,187	5,421	23,925	1,039	37,086	5,866	144	34	103,159
1963-1964.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April 1963.....	6,502	7,051	5,421	5,468	5,164	5,474	23,872	1,043	37,108	5,822	146	35	103,106
May.....	6,510	7,064	5,435	5,460	5,154	5,502	23,917	1,040	37,120	5,821	147	34	103,204
June.....	6,535	7,050	5,435	5,446	5,157	5,529	23,912	1,059	37,200	5,811	145	31	103,310
July.....	6,524	7,031	5,446	5,445	5,182	5,532	24,011	1,073	37,343	5,779	150	31	103,547
August.....	6,504	7,038	5,418	5,455	5,160	5,551	24,139	1,078	37,471	5,778	146	30	103,768
September.....	6,500	7,018	5,407	5,450	5,170	5,528	24,211	1,088	37,616	5,723	147	32	103,890
October.....	6,526	6,658	5,417	5,409	5,155	5,554	24,374	1,101	37,749	5,670	142	33	103,788
November.....	6,535	6,998	5,400	5,411	5,143	5,528	24,521	1,101	37,858	5,614	143	33	104,285
December.....	6,542	6,965	5,411	5,404	5,107	5,521	24,697	1,125	38,073	5,536	143	32	104,556
January 1964.....	6,581	6,903	5,400	5,408	5,090	5,477	24,614	1,135	38,042	5,478	146	28	104,302
February.....	6,631	6,886	5,394	5,431	5,073	5,490	25,007	1,133	38,148	5,506	147	28	104,874
March.....	6,644	6,864	5,436	5,447	5,081	5,509	25,197	1,130	38,206	5,549	147	31	105,241

Province	\$75	\$70-74.99	\$65-69.99	\$65	\$60-64.99	\$55-59.99	\$50-54.99	\$45-49.99	\$40-44.99	\$35-39.99	\$30-34.99	\$25-29.99	\$20-24.99	\$15-19.99	\$10-14.99	\$5-9.99	Less than \$5	TOTAL
Alta.....No	5,162	244	218	...	183	125	136	108	98	67	59	57	41	31	23	4	88	6,644
.....%	77.69	3.67	3.28	...	2.75	1.88	2.05	1.63	1.47	1.01	.89	.86	.62	.47	.35	.06	1.32	
B.C. ....No	5,796	220	185	...	131	110	110	74	68	40	44	31	22	14	14	3	2	6,864
.....%	84.44	3.21	2.70	...	1.91	1.60	1.60	1.08	.99	.58	.64	.45	.32	.20	.20	.04	.03	
Man.....No	4,414	174	150	...	95	94	67	59	59	50	31	39	24	159	8	11	2	5,436
.....%	81.20	3.20	2.76	...	1.75	1.73	1.23	1.09	1.09	.92	.57	.72	.44	2.92	.15	.20	.04	
N.B. ....No	4,332	216	195	...	141	106	104	83	66	51	44	40	33	16	11	7	2	5,447
.....%	79.53	3.96	3.58	...	2.59	1.95	1.90	1.52	1.21	.94	.80	.73	.61	.29	.20	.13	.04	
Nfld .....No	...	...	...	4,565	88	88	60	51	49	38	19	25	39	26	12	17	4	5,081
.....%	...	...	...	89.84	1.73	1.73	1.18	1.00	.96	.75	.37	.49	.77	.51	.24	.33	.08	
N.S. ....No	3,971	334	256	...	211	193	148	96	87	57	62	25	23	14	16	9	7	5,509
.....%	72.08	6.06	4.64	...	3.83	3.50	2.69	1.74	1.58	1.03	1.13	.45	.42	.25	.29	.16	.13	
OntL .....No	18,750	668	787	...	637	594	554	455	622	317	304	259	216	99	799	123	13	25,197
.....%	74.41	2.65	3.12	...	2.53	2.36	2.20	1.81	2.47	1.26	1.21	1.03	.86	.39	3.17	.49	.05	
P.E.I. ....No	11	1	...	839	32	52	47	44	31	18	19	13	14	4	3	2	...	1,130
.....%	.97	.09	...	74.25	2.83	4.60	4.16	3.89	2.74	1.59	1.68	1.18	1.24	.35	.27	.18	...	
Que .....No	...	...	...	30,820	1,220	1,181	1,023	862	614	571	470	417	347	285	237	146	43	38,206
.....%	...	...	...	80.67	3.19	3.09	2.68	2.26	1.61	1.49	1.23	1.09	.91	.67	.62	.38	.11	
SaskL .....No	4,247	161	199	...	139	131	116	86	75	58	57	47	33	24	15	159	2	5,549
.....%	76.54	2.90	3.59	...	2.50	2.36	2.09	1.55	1.35	1.04	1.03	.85	.59	.43	.27	2.87	.04	
N.W.T. ....No	...	...	...	143	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	147
.....%	...	...	...	97.28	...	.68	...	1.36	...	...	...	.68	...	...	...	...	...
Y.T. ....No	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
.....%	...	...	...	100.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	46,683	2,018	1,990	36,398	2,877	2,675	2,365	1,920	1,769	1,267	1,109	954	792	642	1,138	481	163	105,241
.....%	44.36	1.92	1.89	34.59	2.73	2.54	2.25	1.82	1.68	1.20	1.05	.91	.75	.61	1.08	.46	.15	

15. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1951-1952.....	144,051 36	262,668 27	106,689 51	165,637 56	.....	95,573 45	672,512 10	6,532 45	690,081 24	133,392 55	.....	.....	2,277,238 49
1952-1953.....	967,948 46	1,701,854 47	1,036,021 86	1,113,921 31	833,898 50	893,059 70	4,586,572 90	66,313 41	6,927,593 20	997,396 06	4,257 50	.....	19,128,837 37
1953-1954.....	1,107,190 01	1,863,051 68	1,112,322 18	1,248,339 19	896,428 59	1,028,756 25	4,726,152 91	85,985 94	7,187,259 43	1,017,535 28	14,251 14	880 00	20,288,152 60
1954-1955.....	1,165,331 91	1,872,909 14	1,119,638 96	1,288,095 23	898,972 70	1,063,165 10	4,858,692 93	98,531 00	7,392,372 61	1,089,704 15	18,941 89	2,220 48	20,869,126 09
1955-1956.....	1,240,451 68	1,788,308 64	1,111,603 66	1,313,188 68	877,212 91	1,046,327 35	4,916,997 94	99,659 66	7,392,372 61	1,150,402 27	21,000 19	3,080 00	20,918,186 11
1956-1957.....	1,220,050 48	1,669,790 16	1,065,848 06	1,276,064 34	1,016,721 40	1,026,319 49	4,677,967 96	98,220 39	7,159,030 50	1,159,832 81	22,619 33	6,640 00	20,399,104 92
1957-1958.....	1,538,750 51	1,979,058 25	1,297,115 27	1,359,905 44	1,218,769 97	1,318,054 57	5,650,280 73	142,257 55	8,702,892 76	1,435,187 62	29,384 56	9,726 00	24,961,383 23
1958-1959.....	1,877,243 00	2,291,661 85	1,572,889 81	1,829,265 76	1,715,386 07	1,611,693 19	6,707,318 27	191,758 72	10,593,250 32	1,763,548 80	39,989 07	13,279 50	30,207,284 36
1959-1960.....	1,955,162 45	2,353,754 69	1,800,918 16	1,788,776 68	1,736,290 55	1,619,202 85	6,608,442 92	204,795 00	10,688,151 37	1,757,562 44	40,266 95	14,524 00	30,347,548 06
1960-1961.....	2,008,762 95	2,332,521 36	1,600,649 64	1,746,572 42	1,707,843 27	1,608,128 71	6,629,557 24	216,859 72	10,977,025 91	1,769,092 94	43,482 47	15,556 50	30,657,141 05
1961-1962.....	2,000,955 96	2,283,927 11	1,652,229 47	1,760,484 31	1,672,599 98	1,569,348 48	6,903,030 92	248,608 10	10,896,301 71	1,761,660 79	46,021 33	15,507 00	30,410,585 16
1962-1963.....	2,523,720 34	2,675,207 48	2,001,605 67	2,065,949 65	1,987,213 35	2,007,871 08	8,456,292 98	375,349 56	13,793,745 27	2,220,539 45	54,274 76	15,387 00	38,179,056 59
1963-1964.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April.....	203,146 64	223,349 75	169,486 17	169,431 46	162,311 46	163,979 94	702,543 86	31,502 70	1,144,426 91	174,077 09	4,689 50	1,128 50	3,150,673 56
May.....	202,840 21	223,785 37	169,328 39	169,496 08	163,177 52	165,350 31	712,447 57	31,326 75	1,146,863 20	177,374 87	4,934 50	1,105 00	3,168,029 27
June.....	202,573 18	223,464 01	169,125 37	167,650 35	162,896 83	165,955 62	713,499 53	32,292 77	1,145,776 08	173,194 47	4,684 50	877 50	3,161,990 21
July.....	203,056 79	222,871 69	167,533 19	169,440 76	164,247 08	165,670 79	701,829 00	32,038 32	1,152,139 86	176,704 44	4,837 00	1,040 00	3,161,008 85
August.....	201,247 53	222,498 22	167,577 89	168,449 49	163,009 03	166,629 38	721,353 34	32,518 42	1,158,130 85	175,415 55	4,707 00	975 00	3,182,511 70
September.....	203,006 40	221,613 77	167,843 64	169,190 94	164,214 46	164,598 23	709,512 61	32,900 22	1,158,268 99	173,372 99	4,720 50	1,040 00	3,170,282 75
October.....	202,667 56	212,634 92	166,848 56	166,160 47	162,814 87	166,696 00	731,906 47	32,712 35	1,161,625 43	172,564 29	4,641 50	1,072 50	3,182,348 92
November.....	203,359 91	226,208 97	166,068 06	165,775 24	162,865 36	164,027 79	730,111 49	33,194 72	1,161,724 17	166,041 64	4,609 00	1,007 50	3,184,993 83
December.....	202,506 00	222,683 46	192,072 16	165,495 80	161,283 17	165,804 12	850,418 50	34,105 17	1,168,833 27	167,389 58	4,439 00	1,040 00	3,161,070 23
January.....	269,317 15	250,820 13	190,969 53	225,649 15	160,578 89	166,898 61	831,588 63	34,166 40	1,162,588 67	164,317 15	4,809 00	910 00	3,462,513 31
February.....	240,662 22	255,135 21	193,214 58	195,272 18	160,790 75	194,372 61	882,136 33	34,369 85	1,162,721 33	248,027 47	4,865 75	910 00	3,373,038 28
March.....	240,153 21	251,183 87	193,905 31	194,281 27	160,620 73	241,326 01	859,821 96	34,049 90	1,168,387 65	192,337 18	4,823 75	1,007 50	3,542,538 34
Total.....	2,574,536 80	2,786,240 37	2,113,972 78	2,125,892 77	1,948,814 15	2,091,306 41	9,147,169 29	395,177 07	13,891,486 41	2,157,516 72	56,761 00	12,113 50	39,300,999 27
Deduct—													
Amounts recovered													
account of													
overpayments.....	29,502 79	8,713 83	15,066 22	9,009 96	7,587 21	14,441 99	24,943 57	460 00	62,822 43	12,053 26	35 00	.....	185,636 26
Add—													
Amounts reimbursed													
provinces account of													
overpayments.....	14,751 39	4,356 91	8,033 11	4,504 98	3,793 60	7,226 99	12,471 78	230 00	31,411 21	6,026 63	17 50	.....	92,818 10
Total 1963-1964.....	2,559,785 40	2,781,892 45	2,105,939 67	2,121,387 79	1,945,020 54	2,084,088 41	9,134, 697 50	394,947 07	13,860,075 19	2,151,490 09	56,743 50	12,113 50	39,208,181 11

Age	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.
Total.....	18,896.0	481.0	107.0	756.0	614.0	5,468.0	6,448.0	950.0	933.0	1,405.0	1,695.0	15.0	24.0
0-4.....	2,288.9	71.3	13.4	91.9	78.6	666.4	758.9	110.1	113.9	187.9	189.5	2.5	4.5
5-9.....	2,145.6	64.8	12.4	86.7	76.2	646.0	697.0	103.0	107.8	167.7	179.0	1.9	3.1
10-14.....	1,965.0	62.4	12.4	82.5	74.8	594.7	633.6	96.1	98.5	143.7	162.4	1.3	2.6
15-19.....	1,600.2	50.4	10.2	70.6	61.2	511.7	495.7	78.6	79.1	111.2	128.9	0.8	1.8
20-24.....	1,253.3	34.5	6.9	53.4	41.3	403.8	397.5	62.1	58.1	92.5	102.4	0.9	1.9
25-29.....	1,178.2	27.1	5.7	44.0	33.0	359.4	403.5	56.7	51.1	94.3	100.1	1.2	2.1
30-34.....	1,244.8	25.8	5.2	42.1	32.5	370.3	444.9	58.1	54.5	98.4	109.7	1.4	1.9
35-39.....	1,282.9	24.9	5.4	43.6	34.7	368.0	472.4	61.9	56.9	95.3	116.8	1.4	1.6
40-44.....	1,174.4	24.2	5.6	44.4	34.4	326.5	423.8	59.6	56.2	85.8	111.7	1.0	1.2
45-49.....	1,045.9	22.7	5.6	42.2	31.5	285.0	365.7	55.4	53.0	74.6	104.5	0.7	1.0
50-54.....	914.8	19.1	5.1	36.8	27.4	249.7	326.5	49.1	46.6	62.7	90.5	0.6	0.7
55-59.....	749.8	14.5	4.2	29.2	22.1	203.7	271.9	40.3	38.7	51.9	72.2	0.5	0.6
60-64.....	608.0	11.6	3.8	23.8	18.2	159.2	225.8	33.0	31.6	41.8	58.5	0.3	0.4
65-69.....	497.3	9.8	3.6	21.2	16.1	122.6	185.1	28.1	27.5	32.7	50.1	0.2	0.3
70-74.....	405.4	7.7	3.0	17.8	13.4	91.7	148.0	24.5	24.7	27.5	46.7	0.2	0.2
75-79.....	290.0	5.5	2.3	12.9	9.6	60.2	103.6	18.2	18.7	20.5	38.3	0.1	0.1
80-84.....	159.8	3.1	1.3	7.7	5.5	31.8	56.9	9.8	10.5	11.0	22.2	*	*
85-89.....	66.0	1.2	0.6	3.6	2.5	12.9	24.2	3.9	4.2	4.1	8.8	*	*
90+.....	23.7	0.4	0.3	1.6	1.0	4.4	9.0	1.5	1.4	1.4	2.7	*	*

*Less than 50.

17. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities – Ordinary Life Plan
Monthly Annuity Purchasable with \$1000 at Certain Ages

	Age	Monthly Annuity for \$1000	
		Male	Female
Born 1941–1950.....	21	3.72	3.63
	25	3.80	3.70
	30	3.92	3.79
1931–1940.....	23	3.78	3.68
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
	40	4.32	4.10
1921–1930.....	33	4.08	3.91
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
	45	4.66	4.35
	50	5.02	4.63
1911–1920.....	43	4.61	4.30
	45	4.74	4.40
	50	5.12	4.69
	55	6.37	5.84
	60	6.99	6.36
1901–1910.....	53	5.52	4.98
	55	6.51	5.92
	60	7.16	6.46
	65	8.07	7.24
	70	9.40	8.38
1891–1900.....	63	7.89	7.03
	65	8.31	7.39
	70	9.68	8.56
	75	11.76	10.35
	80	15.02	13.21
1890 and before.....	73	11.15	9.76
	75	12.09	10.58
	80	15.31	13.42
	85	20.45	18.08

Note: These are the rates in effect April 1, 1964. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.

**REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
IN CANADA**

(Under the Provisions of the)
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT

(Chapter 199, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952
as amended by 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)
6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 6 (1957-1958)
10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1962)
12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963))



FISCAL YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 1965

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*To His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1965, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JUDY LAMARSH
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1965.

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The Honourable JUDY LAMARSH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

MADAM,—I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1965, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD
Deputy Minister of Welfare.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year 1964-65

Operations during the Fiscal Year

During the fiscal year old age assistance for persons 65 to 69 years of age was provided in all parts of Canada. As at March 31, 1965, there were 107,354 recipients. Federal payments to the provinces of one-half of the provinces' expenditure for assistance amounted to \$44,990,955.31.

During 1964-65 provincial authorities dealt with 35,054 applications. Of this number 31,004 were approved, 3,186 were declined and 864 were not completed. Excess income was the reason for rejection in most cases. Of the number of applications not completed 692 were withdrawn. In the remaining 172 cases the applicants died before decisions had been made. There were 24,338 recipients transferred to old age security.

The number of recipients at March 31, 1965 was 21 per cent of the number in the age group 65 to 69 estimated at 505,500 as at June 1, 1964.

The following is a summary of operations under the Old Age Assistance Act from 1954-55 to 1964-65 -

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1954-55	27,688	5,034	20,987	94,625	20,869,126 09
1955-56	25,820	4,689	21,931	93,023	20,918,186 11
1956-57	24,423	4,637	22,616	89,907	20,399,104 92
1957-58	28,638	4,480	22,256	92,484	24,961,383 23
1958-59	32,291	4,964	22,424	97,836	30,207,284 36
1959-60	28,628	4,278	22,719	98,773	30,347,548 06
1960-61	28,392	4,260	22,218	100,184	30,657,141 05
1961-62	26,827	4,468	23,323	98,944	30,810,585 16
1962-63	31,677	4,144	23,481	103,159	38,179,056 59
1963-64	30,466	4,202	23,842	105,241	39,208,181 11
1964-65	31,004	4,050	24,338	107,354	44,990,955 31

Further statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 9 to 14 of this report.

Amendments to the Act

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act during the fiscal year 1964-65. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows -

Period	Maximum monthly assistance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40	65	20	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	65	20	840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	\$55	65	10	960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	\$65	65	10	1,140 (unmarried) 1,980 (married) 2,340 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	\$75	65	10	1,260 (unmarried) 2,220 (married) 2,580 (blind spouse)

3. *Agreements with Provinces and Territories*

Following amendments to the Act effective December 1, 1963, increasing the maximum assistance and the maximum amounts of income allowed, the agreements with the ten provinces were amended during 1963-64 to provide for the additional benefits authorized. The agreements with the Territories were similarly amended during 1964-65, the effective date being December 1, 1963, in the case of the Yukon Territory and April 1, 1964, in the case of the Northwest Territories.

4. *Administration - Federal*

The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of their federal share of assistance payments. The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

5. *Administration - Provincial*

Old Age Assistance is paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

The following is a list of provincial acts, territorial ordinances and regulations in force as at March 31, 1965 -

ALBERTA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 288, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, as amended by chapter 106, Statutes of Alberta, 1964. (Old Age Assistance Regulations, Alberta Regulation 296/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1434/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Old-age Assistance Act, Chapter 2, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session). (Old-age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 3032, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 189, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 43, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session) and Chapter 37, Statutes of Manitoba, 1964. (Manitoba Regulation 26/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 53/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 105/57, filed December 11, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 16/62, filed February 27, 1962 and Manitoba Regulation 4/64, filed January 3, 1964).

NEW BRUNSWICK—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 163, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960–61. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52–1306, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 61, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by No. 16, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, No. 46, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957, and No. 5, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037–52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 36, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 267, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960. (Ontario Regulation 457, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 33, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 25, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 26, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 28, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC—

An Act to Assist Persons Sixty-five to Seventy Years, Chapter 3, Statutes of Quebec, 1951–52 as amended by Chapter 65, Statutes of Quebec, 1959. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN—

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 242, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan 1953, as amended by Chapter 58, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 871, date April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES —

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74 Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session), Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1962 (Second Session) and Chapter 10, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1964 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY —

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82 Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958, as amended by Chapter 2, 1961 (First Session), Chapter 17, 1962 (First Session) and Chapter 3, 1964 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated June 26, 1964).

Provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1965 —

ALBERTA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable L.C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—D. W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—K.T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable W. D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA—

Department—Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable J.B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Department—Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable W. R. Duffie, Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. E. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Youth and Welfare

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. L. Arsenault, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable Myles P. Murray, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—A. J. McCrowe, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable James M. Harding, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—F. R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department—Department of Welfare and Labour, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department—Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister—Honourable Emilien Lafrance, Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SKATCHEWAN—

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable Dave Boldt, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Commissioner—B.G. Sivertz, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—F.J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner—G.R. Cameron, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority—C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Regulations during 1964-65. The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations in the regulations did not meet during the year. Meetings have been held on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. Comparison with Related Acts

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1965.

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordi- nances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$75 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applica- ble	\$1,260—unmarried 2,220—married 2,580—married— blind spouse	\$1,500—unmarried 1,980—unmarried— dependent child 2,580—married 2,700—married— blind spouse	\$1,260—unmarried 2,220—married 2,580—married— blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanatoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applica- ble	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age security or pen- sion in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applica- ble	Province may spec- ify minimum age, maximum assist- ance, maximum income allowed and any condi- tion of eligibility set forth in prov- incial law	Province may spec- ify maximum al- lowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maxi- mum allowance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligi- bility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be con- tinuous if pensioner has 25 years res- idence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

Another program closely associated with old age assistance, blindness allowances and disabled persons allowances is the federal-provincial unemployment assistance program established by the Unemployment Assistance Act. Under the authority of the Act the Federal Government has entered into agreements to reimburse the provinces and territories 50 per cent of their payments to persons unemployed and in need. The Federal Government also shares under this program assistance paid to recipients of the three assistance programs mentioned above as well as to recipients of old age security and unemployment insurance where supplementation is required. Such payments must be based on an individual assessment of need which takes into account the applicant's personal requirements and financial resources. Other conditions are determined by the provinces.

The main features of this plan as at March 31, 1965, were as follows —

Legislation	Federal Acts, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances.
Administration	Federal, provincial and municipal.
Agreements	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance to persons unemployed and in need.
Sources of funds	Federal 50% — Provincial-Municipal 50%.
Minimum age	No age limit, but children must be dependents of recipients.
Residence in Canada	No residence requirement; residence must not be a condition of eligibility for persons moving from one province to another.
Maximum payment	No federal maximum; rates set by provinces.
Maximum income allowed	No federal maximum; income limits set by provinces.
Medical test	None.
Institutions	Federal Act provides for sharing in homes for special care, such as homes for the aged and nursing homes.
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable.
Variable requirements	Rates of assistance and conditions of eligibility are set by the provinces.
Absences from Canada	No federal requirement; a province grants aid only while recipients are in the province.

8. *Changes from Inception of Old Age Pensions*

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent March 31, 1927.
- 1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931, to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records—Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over—Date of Assent March 31, 1937.

- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act—P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension—P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being—
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- (Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year—Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 1949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada—Date of Assent March 25, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.
- 1951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada—Date of Assent May 31, 1951.
- 1951 The following Acts passed by Parliament—
- (a) Old Age Security Act—Date of Assent December 21, 1951.
- (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test.

The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repealed the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).

(b) Old Age Assistance Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the provinces. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old age assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).

(c) Blind Persons Act—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).

1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.

1952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954, under Old Age Security Act.

1954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent June 26, 1954.

1955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.

1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent June 28, 1955.

1957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum as-

sistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

957 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.

957 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid—Date of Assent November 7, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

959 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.

960 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely—Date of Assent July 7, 1960.

962 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the maximum federal pension from \$55 to \$65 a month — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons' Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

1963 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from October 1, 1963, the maximum federal pension from \$65 to \$75 a month – Date of Assent October 16, 1963.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Person Act amended to increase from December 1, 1963, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed – Date of Assent December 12, 1963.

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	6,810	6,829	5,520	5,356	5,088	5,574
x Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population	2.34	2.91	2.93	2.58	2.02	2.78
x Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age	20.33	13.50	10.64	33.69	51.39	26.42
Average monthly payment	\$ cta. 69.00	\$ cta. 71.82	\$ cta. 69.15	\$ cta. 70.28	\$ cta. 72.41	\$ cta. 68.53
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1964 — March 31, 1965	2,901,038.56	2,991,012.72	2,329,362.48	2,303,178.27	2,220,907.85	2,302,859.91

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	26,049	1,229	39,239	5,463	166	31	107,354
x Percentage of persons 65 to 69 years of age to total population	2.87	3.27	2.26	2.90	1.20	1.88	
x Percentage of recipients to population 65 to 69 years of age	13.78	35.11	31.17	20.01	55.33	10.33	
Average monthly payment	\$ cta. 67.03	\$ cta. 70.43	\$ cta. 70.35	\$ cta. 69.04	\$ cta. 74.32	\$ cta. 75.00	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1964 — March 31, 1965	10,465,257.22	508,587.30	16,589,045.32	2,294,104.64	71,721.04	13,880.00	44,990,955.31

x Percentages based on estimated population as at June 1, 1964.
Average monthly assistance (Canada) \$105.43.

10. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1964-65

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	N.F.L.D.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Total	2,069	1,992	1,548	1,420	1,257	1,537	8,094	384	11,193	1,457	45	8	31,004
Male	993	983	697	647	586	672	3,435	202	4,894	739	21	6	13,875
Female	1,076	1,009	851	773	671	865	4,659	182	6,299	718	24	2	17,129
Married	M 589	M 589	M 442	M 396	M 407	M 394	M 398	M 1,722	M 3,348	M 2,798	M 483	M 321	M 8,404
Single	F 249	F 249	F 123	F 120	F 81	F 82	F 82	F 82	F 82	F 82	F 36	F 3	F 7,320
Widower	M 88	M 88	M 58	M 58	M 58	M 58	M 58	M 58	M 58	M 58	M 3	M 1	M 2,693
Widow	F 454	F 454	F 303	F 320	F 269	F 269	F 269	F 269	F 269	F 269	F 50	F 8	F 1,424
Separated	M 55	M 48	M 178	M 113	M 64	M 43	M 29	M 46	M 8	M 9	M 47	M 7	M 6,901
Divorced	F 12	F 14	F 38	F 41	F 10	F 12	F 2	F 2	F 2	F 2	F 3	F 5	F 1,246
Age 65	M 557	M 707	M 620	M 670	M 376	M 494	M 474	M 616	M 427	M 571	M 437	M 618	M 2,051
66	F 165	F 156	F 148	F 120	F 137	F 165	F 148	F 165	F 148	F 165	F 103	F 13	F 3,291
67	M 121	M 91	M 89	M 68	M 86	M 53	M 47	M 37	M 46	M 392	M 72	M 55	M 1,416
68	F 88	F 69	F 66	F 68	F 55	F 50	F 42	F 34	F 22	F 17	F 55	F 62	F 358
69	M 62	M 53	M 58	M 57	M 61	M 57	M 21	M 18	M 12	M 10	M 25	M 20	M 203
Over 70	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
In cities	M 522	M 571	M 626	M 624	M 359	M 499	M 467	M 591	M 437	M 517	M 11	M 16	M 2,875
In towns	F 222	F 267	F 84	F 99	F 108	F 155	F 99	F 155	F 108	F 103	F 90	F 7	F 1,636
In villages	M 110	M 96	M 106	M 183	M 163	M 182	M 163	M 182	M 163	M 182	M 3	M 3	M 508
On farms	F 285	F 183	F 108	F 82	F 127	F 236	F 260	F 236	F 260	F 236	F 22	F 18	F 474
Other	M 4	M 8	M 24	M 19	M 75	M 61	M 273	M 278	M 278	M 278	M 24	M 24	M 582
Own homes	F 542	F 592	F 322	F 465	F 345	F 428	F 438	F 422	F 511	F 536	F 453	F 545	F 1,417
Rented houses or apts.	M 131	M 121	M 460	M 298	M 76	M 100	M 125	M 6	M 10	M 66	M 548	M 14	M 548
Children - relatives	F 90	F 196	F 92	F 192	F 65	F 58	F 139	F 9	F 119	F 76	F 173	F 352	F 1,097
Rented rooms	M 155	M 108	M 75	M 23	M 100	M 54	M 3	M 3	M 2	M 69	M 55	M 801	M 515
Public institutions	F 51	F 42	F 22	F 18	F 30	F 21	F 14	F 18	F 1	F 2	F 17	F 22	F 294
Private institutions	M 24	M 17	M 12	M 13	M 2	M 4	M 4	M 8	M 2	M 4	M 2	M 4	M 23
Other	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Number receiving regular annual income—													
Pension other than under—													
Old Age Assistance Act	144	162	91	27	85	225	685	3	1,289	70	...	...	2,781
Annuity of any kind	212	14	19	4	...	...	133	...	217	23	3	...	625
Spouses in receipt of old age security	256	252	206	209	174	209	759	49	1,137	138	9	1	3,399
Number receiving unemployment insurance	71	104	70	135	54	51	449	30	634	16	...	...	1,614

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES
FISCAL YEARS 1953-54 to 1964-65

AGE	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
Total	30,416	27,688	25,820	24,423	28,638	32,291	28,628	28,392	26,827	31,677	30,466	31,004
5.....	17,938	16,969	16,129	15,793	17,001	18,939	18,538	17,772	16,639	20,613	20,178	20,880
%	58.98	61.28	62.47	64.67	59.36	58.65	64.75	62.60	62.02	65.07	66.23	67.35
6.....	4,143	3,787	3,494	3,311	4,725	4,892	3,673	3,922	4,161	4,278	3,901	4,004
%	13.62	13.68	13.53	13.56	16.50	15.15	12.83	13.81	15.51	13.51	12.80	12.91
7.....	3,323	2,888	2,691	2,280	3,141	3,840	2,540	2,795	2,618	2,978	2,849	2,708
%	10.92	10.43	10.42	9.34	10.97	11.89	8.87	9.84	9.76	9.40	9.35	8.73
8.....	2,870	2,391	2,109	1,867	2,222	2,845	2,447	2,431	2,093	2,345	2,220	2,003
%	9.44	8.64	8.17	7.64	7.76	8.81	8.55	8.56	7.80	7.40	7.29	6.46
9.....	2,142	1,653	1,396	1,172	1,544	1,769	1,426	1,468	1,316	1,461	1,318	1,406
%	7.04	5.97	5.41	4.79	5.39	5.48	4.98	5.17	4.91	4.61	4.33	4.53
10.....	...	...	1	...	5	6	4	4	...	2	...	3
%	...	...	.004	...	.02	.02	.01	.01	...	.01	...	.01

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

-	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Not 65 years of age.....	86	67	50	44	15	56	138	...	75	45	1	5	582
Unable to prove age.....	...	1	...	...	7	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	22
Too much income.....	145	68	84	123	51	104	703	19	707	88	...	...	2,092
Not sufficient residence.....	9	3	2	5	...	...	9	...	18	3	...	...	49
Unable to prove residence.....	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	6
Transfer of property.....	4	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	5	...	...	...	17
War veterans allowance.....	...	14	6	18	14	14	96	...	23	7	...	...	192
Blind persons allowance.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
Whereabouts unknown.....	...	10	1	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	19
Refused information.....	27	26	25	1	...	...	22	...	24	9	...	...	134
Assistance private source.....	...	4	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	7
Over 70 years.....	...	8	1	15	...	7	21	...	7	1	...	...	60
Old age security.....	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Disabled persons allowance.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	273	207	169	209	87	193	1,006	19	863	154	1	5	3,186

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

-	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Withdrawn.....	36	87	59	37	2	30	184	11	167	79	...	...	692
Applicant deceased.....	19	27	...	6	1	11	51	...	43	13	...	1	172
Total.....	55	114	59	43	3	41	235	11	210	92	...	1	864

DEATHS DURING 1964-65

	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.L.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
At age 65	32	24	11	13	12	13	184	1	135	20	...	...	445
66	43	44	26	15	27	26	197	5	285	24	1	...	6
67	52	39	33	28	30	35	222	4	326	31	...	...	800
68	62	50	38	46	31	36	223	7	325	38	...	...	856
69	77	60	44	45	53	49	278	15	321	42	1	...	985
Total	266	217	152	147	153	159	1,104	32	1,392	155	2	...	3,779
On payroll for -													
Less than 1 year	64	45	30	28	24	34	337	8	357	37	...	...	964
1 to 2 years	89	56	30	38	34	41	257	8	323	38	2	...	916
2 to 3 years	52	48	34	34	30	25	216	8	342	27	...	...	816
3 to 4 years	46	31	29	30	33	30	172	7	184	33	...	...	595
4 to 5 years	15	37	29	17	32	29	122	1	186	20	...	...	488
Surviving spouse in receipt of -													
Old age security	8	19	12	16	19	22	84	...	131	14	...	...	325
Old age assistance	32	20	1	22	32	15	91	...	176	16	...	...	405
Blindness allowance .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
Disability allowance	2	2	...	...	2	2	10	...	4	2	...	...	24
War veterans allowance .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2
Mothers allowance .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	22	1	...	...	26

PROOF OF AGE

	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.L.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Age established by -													
Certificate of birth	1,152	1,260	939	473	333	454	4,857	102	589	770	15	1	10,945
Certificate of baptism	235	185	203	782	840	686	1,742	240	9,246	194	16	1	14,370
Census records alone	119	14	23	9	...	396	360	37	148	13	1	...	1,120
Old Bible records	33	39	3	...	...	...	9	...	3	3	1	...	91
Other records and tribunals ...	530	494	380	156	84	1	1,126	5	1,207	477	12	6	4,478

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.L.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Single	425	577	316	185	130	234	1,996	89	1,847	255	14	1	6,069
Married couples	191	159	152	50	32	68	541	36	946	127	5	...	2,307

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY
SINGLE

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																		
	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Less than \$500	27	13	9	17	41	37	56	..	209	29	438	72	205	77	106	18	116	182	..	1,535	62	1	..	2,374	4	5	6	3	12	9	3	9	52	13	1	2	119
\$ 500 - 1,000	65	13	14	24	45	26	68	..	68	27	350	44	49	38	29	3	19	83	4	303	17	589	16	9	12	15	12	23	11	23	1	28	2	..	152
1,001 - 1,500	12	13	5	10	20	21	46	..	58	16	..	..	201	4	19	29	20	1	7	21	6	58	8	..	..	173	7	6	15	10	17	32	18	21	82	20	..	228
1,501 - 2,000	37	9	10	12	9	15	49	..	16	22	..	..	179	13	8	7	2	1	7	18	..	16	6	..	..	78	16	16	16	16	5	20	23	3	99	19	..	233
2,001 - 3,000	38	18	6	11	11	13	57	..	43	18	..	..	215	12	6	14	13	1	12	20	..	63	8	..	..	149	31	47	30	32	20	48	42	..	62	33	..	345
3,001 - 4,000	35	9	3	9	8	17	21	..	40	7	..	..	149	11	10	8	4	..	3	15	..	23	3	..	..	77	23	58	28	30	3	25	37	..	95	18	..	317
4,001 - 5,000	16	7	2	..	3	3	15	..	25	1	..	..	72	6	3	7	5	1	4	7	..	12	1	..	..	46	22	24	17	5	19	23	..	85	21	..	243	
5,001 - 6,000	4	2	1	1	5	1	5	..	11	1	..	..	31	3	5	3	..	..	2	7	..	3	3	..	..	26	13	22	14	11	5	13	12	..	53	7	..	150
6,001 - 7,000 .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	8	19	8	10	3	7	12	..	39	1	..	107	
7,001 - 8,000	2	..	..	1	1	1	10	..	10	1	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	8	6	3	12	3	6	12	..	32	6	..	88
8,001 - 9,000	1	..	..	2	..	..	8	..	8	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	4	..	1	5	3	1	5	..	14	1	..	34
9,001 - 10,000	1	2	3	2	2	3	1	..	3	5	..	25	41
Over 10,000	1	1	..	1	..	1	2	..	6	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	1	4	2	3	..	39	..	..	53

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY
MARRIED COUPLES

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																		
	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Less than \$500	19	12	16	12	52	37	57	1	84	35	325	34	74	47	38	14	44	45	10	1,537	17	6	..	1,866	1	5	3	5	14	11	..	10	114	12	4	3	182
\$ 500 - 1,000	81	25	27	40	127	53	85	9	174	49	670	21	26	20	18	6	11	22	59	252	5	440	26	40	23	22	48	40	12	32	..	39	3	2	287
1,001 - 1,500	29	34	23	21	68	35	70	7	211	58	..	..	556	2	5	19	11	4	14	24	46	6	..	..	132	16	56	37	41	62	56	26	37	340	45	2	..	718
1,501 - 2,000	57	16	16	26	29	20	55	3	36	35	..	..	293	8	3	5	8	..	2	7	1	18	..	..	..	52	26	75	44	60	36	56	33	..	423	53	..	806
2,001 - 3,000	72	18	18	9	47	37	67	..	145	37	..	..	450	11	3	10	11	1	1	17	..	29	3	..	..	86	62	139	91	111	91	107	60	..	394	73	..	1,128
3,001 - 4,000	47	2	13	5	18	14	37	..	96	27	2	..	261	5	5	14	5	..	1	7	..	4	3	44	65	64	70	91	62	63	55	..	349	66	4	..	889
4,001 - 5,000	28	3	2	15	2	23	30	2	127	9	4	4	3	..	3	3	..	3	25	65	24	59	66	24	40	55	..	199	36	1	..	969
5,001 - 6,000	22	1	1	11	3	10	..	..	30	2	..	..	80	4	4	4	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	40	10	38	39	34	32	26	..	151	23	..	393
6,001 - 7,000	11	..	2	..	6	3	3	..	33	1	..	..	59	1	..	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	30	4	30	2	16	21	24	..	122	11	..	285
7,001 - 8,000	3	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	20	..	..	..	28	1	..	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	28	1	13	25	9	8	15	..	48	4	..	213
8,001 - 9,000 .....	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	12	..	..	..	16	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	16	..	12	18	10	4	9	..	48	4	..	121
9,001 - 10,000	2	1	8	11	2	..	3	6	17	..	8	16	4	7	10	..	49	1	..	112
Over 10,000	2	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	16	..	..	..	26	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	20	..	17	22	17	6	7	..	110	7	..	206

AVERAGE ASSISTANCE IN EACH MONTH OF FISCAL YEAR 1964-65

Province	1964												1965		
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Alberta.....	69.39	69.34	60.39	69.41	69.46	69.51	69.43	69.28	69.14	69.04	69.02	69.00			
British Columbia.....	72.02	71.93	71.89	71.92	71.87	71.87	71.90	71.84	71.79	71.76	71.82	71.82			
Manitoba.....	69.89	69.88	69.62	69.60	69.53	69.49	69.42	69.40	69.30	69.25	69.14	69.15			
New Brunswick.....	70.80	70.63	70.61	70.41	70.42	70.37	70.35	70.33	70.36	70.30	70.29	70.28			
Newfoundland.....	72.65	72.67	72.71	72.66	72.66	72.67	72.59	72.60	72.59	72.55	72.48	72.41			
Nova Scotia.....	69.07	68.96	68.93	68.86	68.88	68.82	68.76	68.69	68.67	68.62	68.53	68.53			
Ontario.....	67.66	67.58	67.54	67.48	67.45	67.42	67.31	67.22	67.21	67.12	67.04	67.03			
Prince Edward Island.....	70.23	70.04	70.19	70.20	70.10	70.12	70.12	70.31	70.23	70.28	70.29	70.43			
Quebec.....	70.84	70.88	70.79	70.71	70.63	70.56	70.47	70.40	70.35	70.38	70.36	70.35			
Saskatchewan.....	68.55	68.63	68.86	68.89	68.90	68.99	68.93	68.93	68.96	68.94	69.09	69.04			
Northwest Territories.....	64.41	64.42	64.43	64.49	64.63	64.63	74.63	74.62	74.62	74.63	74.30	74.32			
Yukon Territory.....	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00			

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1953-1954	1,078	1,851	1,015	1,103	1,029	937	4,689	127	5,605	943	15	...	18,392
1954-1955	1,202	2,081	1,168	1,284	1,071	1,181	5,065	147	6,675	1,096	16	1	20,987
1955-1956	1,345	2,021	1,196	1,107	1,064	1,220	5,487	148	7,120	1,197	20	6	21,031
1956-1957	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,391	1,041	1,300	5,624	160	7,320	1,258	18	4	22,616
1957-1958	1,376	1,877	1,165	1,200	1,024	1,231	5,548	144	7,394	1,265	26	6	22,256
1958-1959	1,420	1,965	1,185	1,368	1,082	1,220	5,281	165	7,341	1,358	29	10	22,424
1959-1960	1,498	1,900	1,179	1,310	1,048	1,199	5,527	174	7,454	1,398	23	9	22,719
1960-1961	1,441	1,844	1,185	1,230	1,055	1,206	5,401	176	7,284	1,354	28	14	22,218
1961-1962	1,460	1,877	1,209	1,295	1,151	1,302	5,558	180	7,815	1,432	34	10	23,323
1962-1963	1,542	1,847	1,162	1,258	1,118	1,332	5,738	186	7,841	1,415	28	14	23,481
1963-1964	1,486	1,792	1,302	1,301	1,141	1,303	5,749	259	8,041	1,421	32	15	23,842
1964-1965	1,541	1,771	1,249	1,315	1,090	1,302	5,870	241	8,520	1,400	28	11	24,338
Total	16,734	22,844	14,152	15,162	12,914	14,733	65,537	2,107	88,410	15,837	297	100	268,527

12. Number of Recipients at End of Each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act.

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	.....	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	.....	.....	41,601
1952-53	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	.....	87,075
1953-54	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,584	64	4	93,273
1954-55	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
1955-56	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
1956-57	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	89,907
1957-58	5,715	6,906	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	92,484
1958-59	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
1959-60	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,682	5,377	5,477	22,544	750	34,312	5,726	128	52	98,773
1960-61	6,584	7,322	5,098	5,555	5,342	5,395	22,736	801	35,441	5,727	135	48	100,184
1961-62	6,494	7,189	5,082	5,421	5,184	5,248	22,868	897	34,615	5,760	140	46	98,944
1962-63	6,479	7,039	5,448	5,491	5,187	5,421	23,925	1,039	37,086	5,866	144	34	103,159
1963-64	6,644	6,864	5,436	5,447	5,081	5,509	25,197	1,130	38,206	5,549	147	31	105,241
1964-65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April 1964	6,690	6,812	5,437	5,421	5,076	5,526	25,328	1,147	38,356	5,534	149	31	105,507
May	6,728	6,853	5,470	5,440	5,065	5,515	25,356	1,164	38,503	5,535	158	31	105,818
June	6,734	6,873	5,490	5,434	5,060	5,533	25,430	1,178	38,537	5,514	161	28	105,972
July	6,789	6,857	5,524	5,470	5,086	5,558	25,479	1,210	38,744	5,503	159	28	106,407
August	6,814	6,844	5,546	5,469	5,103	5,558	25,563	1,221	38,897	5,495	157	28	106,695
September	6,826	6,823	5,522	5,457	5,080	5,568	25,662	1,223	39,017	5,466	157	29	106,830
October	6,794	6,842	5,507	5,419	5,080	5,573	25,814	1,227	39,105	5,439	159	30	106,989
November	6,796	6,835	5,523	5,402	5,021	5,559	25,854	1,230	39,150	5,413	157	30	106,970
December	6,819	6,856	5,510	5,381	5,067	5,572	25,951	1,231	39,187	5,414	157	29	107,174
January 1965	6,789	6,827	5,504	5,325	5,078	5,586	25,998	1,234	39,384	5,415	159	30	107,329
February	6,791	6,822	5,504	5,325	5,080	5,589	25,986	1,231	39,338	5,423	161	30	107,280
March	6,810	6,829	5,520	5,356	5,088	5,574	26,049	1,229	39,239	5,463	166	31	107,354

Province		\$75	\$70-74.99	\$65-64.99	\$60-64.99	\$55-54.99	\$50-54.99	\$45-44.99	\$40-44.99	\$35-34.99	\$30-34.99	\$25-24.99	\$20-24.99	\$15-19.99	\$10-14.99	\$5-9.99	Less than \$5	TOTAL
Alta.	No	5,221	238	215	185	169	127	113	102	75	62	67	58	25	36	20	97	6,810
	%	76.67	3.50	3.16	2.72	2.48	1.86	1.66	1.50	1.10	.91	.98	.85	.37	.53	.29	1.42	
B.C.	No	5,807	182	171	123	94	102	83	69	37	45	37	19	20	19	13	8	6,829
	%	85.04	2.67	2.50	1.80	1.38	1.49	1.22	1.01	.54	.66	.54	.28	.29	.28	.19	.11	
Man.	No	4,353	171	135	117	107	90	59	59	68	49	41	27	169	21	24	10	5,520
	%	78.85	3.09	2.80	2.11	1.93	1.63	1.06	1.06	1.23	.88	.74	.48	3.06	.38	.43	.18	
N.B.	No	4,219	212	154	134	105	95	102	89	39	58	52	30	36	15	12	4	5,356
	%	78.77	3.96	2.88	2.50	1.96	1.77	1.90	1.66	.73	1.08	.97	.56	.67	.28	.22	.07	
Nfld.	No	4,480	110	92	78	49	54	46	42	35	29	20	14	18	11	6	4	5,088
	%	88.00	2.16	1.81	1.53	.96	1.06	.90	.83	.69	.57	.39	.28	.35	.22	.12	.08	
N.S.	No	3,857	307	305	198	183	158	112	93	79	91	54	57	37	27	9	7	5,574
	%	69.20	5.51	5.47	3.55	3.28	2.83	2.01	1.67	1.42	1.63	.97	1.02	.66	.48	.16	.13	
Ont.	No	19,248	778	664	658	580	526	490	674	315	272	290	203	155	972	114	110	26,049
	%	73.89	2.99	2.55	2.53	2.23	2.02	1.88	2.59	1.21	1.04	1.11	.78	.59	3.73	.44	.42	
P.E.I.	No	964	30	49	33	29	43	21	13	12	10	10	7	4	3	1	...	1,229
	%	78.44	2.44	3.99	2.69	2.36	3.50	1.71	1.06	.98	.81	.81	.57	.33	.24	.08	...	
Que.	No	31,160	1,271	1,228	973	923	750	566	541	429	398	321	244	189	147	83	16	39,239
	%	79.41	3.24	3.13	2.48	2.35	1.91	1.44	1.38	1.09	1.01	.82	.62	.48	.37	.21	.04	
Sask.	No	4,253	182	162	130	123	111	73	71	54	43	41	32	20	21	138	9	5,463
	%	77.85	3.33	2.97	2.38	2.25	2.03	1.34	1.30	.99	.79	.75	.58	.37	.38	2.53	.16	
N.W.T.	No	162	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	166
	%	97.59	...	1.20	...	...	...	...	...	.60	...	...	.60	...	...	...	...
Y.T.	No	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
	%	100.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	83,755	3,481	3,197	2,629	2,362	2,056	1,665	1,753	1,144	1,057	933	692	673	1,272	420	265	107,354
	%	78.02	3.24	2.98	2.45	2.20	1.92	1.55	1.63	1.07	.98	.87	.64	.63	1.18	.39	.25	

14. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	cts.\$	cts.\$	cts.\$	cts.\$	cts.\$	cts.\$	cts.\$	cts.\$	cts.\$	cts.\$	cts.\$	cts.\$	cts.
1951-52.....	144,051.36	262,668.27	106,689.51	165,637.56	...	95,673.45	672,512.10	6,532.45	690,081.24	133,392.55	...	...	2,277,238.49
1952-53.....	967,948.46	1,701,854.47	1,036,021.86	1,113,921.31	833,898.50	893,059.70	4,586,572.90	66,313.41	6,927,593.20	997,396.06	...	...	19,128,837.37
1953-54.....	1,107,190.01	1,863,051.68	1,112,322.18	1,248,319.19	896,428.59	1,038,756.25	4,726,152.91	85,985.94	7,187,259.43	1,017,535.28	14,351.14	880.00	20,866,152.60
1954-55.....	1,165,331.91	1,872,909.14	1,119,638.96	1,288,052.23	898,972.70	1,063,165.10	4,858,692.93	98,531.00	7,392,922.60	1,086,404.15	18,941.89	2,220.48	20,918,186.11
1955-56.....	1,404,431.68	1,788,308.64	1,111,603.66	1,303,188.68	877,212.91	1,046,927.35	4,918,977.94	99,659.66	7,357,373.13	1,150,402.27	21,000.19	3,080.00	20,961,104.92
1956-57.....	1,220,050.48	1,669,790.16	1,065,848.06	1,276,064.34	1,016,721.40	1,026,319.49	4,977,967.96	98,220.55	7,159,030.59	1,159,832.61	22,619.33	6,640.00	20,399,138.23
1957-58.....	1,338,750.51	1,979,058.25	1,297,115.27	1,559,905.44	1,298,769.97	1,318,094.57	5,650,280.73	142,257.35	8,702,892.76	1,435,187.62	29,384.56	9,726.00	24,961,383.23
1958-59.....	1,877,243.00	2,291,661.85	1,572,889.81	1,820,265.76	1,175,386.07	1,611,693.19	6,707,318.27	191,758.72	10,593,350.32	1,763,548.80	39,985.07	13,279.50	30,207,284.36
1959-60.....	1,955,162.45	2,353,754.69	1,580,918.16	1,788,776.68	1,736,280.55	1,619,202.85	6,608,442.92	204,795.00	10,688,151.37	1,757,262.44	40,266.95	14,524.00	30,347,548.06
1960-61.....	2,008,762.99	2,352,521.36	1,600,649.64	1,746,572.42	1,707,883.27	1,608,138.71	6,629,557.24	216,869.92	10,977,062.94	1,769,692.94	43,482.47	15,956.50	30,657,141.05
1961-62.....	2,000,955.96	2,283,927.11	1,652,229.47	1,760,484.31	1,672,509.98	1,569,348.94	6,903,030.92	248,608.10	10,896,301.71	1,761,660.79	46,021.33	15,507.00	30,810,585.16
1962-63.....	2,523,720.34	2,675,207.48	2,001,605.67	2,065,949.65	1,987,213.35	2,007,871.08	8,458,292.98	375,349.56	13,793,745.27	2,220,539.45	54,274.76	15,287.00	38,179,056.59
1963-64.....	2,559,785.40	2,781,892.45	2,105,939.67	2,121,387.79	1,945,020.54	2,084,088.41	9,134,697.50	394,947.07	13,860,075.19	2,151,490.09	56,743.50	12,113.50	39,208,181.11
1964-65.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April 1964.....	237,852.02	249,422.54	195,121.61	194,311.53	185,039.59	194,290.79	887,045.93	40,335.90	1,370,150.29	191,450.20	4,831.25	1,737.50	3,751,589.15
May.....	241,281.81	252,143.32	195,666.28	195,335.43	185,525.01	192,412.61	871,583.75	40,859.15	1,381,791.84	192,400.04	5,168.75	1,162.50	3,755,330.49
June.....	242,382.20	252,380.49	195,008.99	193,874.22	185,783.05	191,901.02	857,944.58	41,046.10	1,369,182.78	193,568.18	5,381.25	1,050.00	3,729,502.86
July.....	241,612.37	250,985.90	196,525.71	195,613.72	186,054.00	192,430.05	868,291.05	42,393.54	1,390,108.59	191,693.65	5,334.53	1,080.00	3,762,093.11
August.....	243,994.10	249,862.36	195,831.09	193,891.12	186,933.82	192,940.73	869,107.12	42,744.03	1,390,745.27	191,435.72	5,073.75	1,050.00	3,763,609.11
September.....	245,074.54	248,198.92	195,471.44	192,752.77	185,582.99	193,391.48	873,538.52	42,722.00	1,393,630.77	190,771.73	5,171.25	1,087.50	3,767,343.91
October.....	242,672.19	249,054.83	195,010.86	192,196.36	185,027.39	191,910.00	874,745.59	42,803.62	1,386,652.83	189,178.38	10,689.66	1,125.00	3,764,103.91
November.....	242,999.45	249,862.87	194,739.95	190,055.38	183,418.48	192,589.21	877,770.71	43,139.32	1,392,862.81	189,989.22	5,857.72	1,125.00	3,761,430.12
December.....	249,840.40	249,384.43	193,120.17	190,957.95	186,580.29	192,532.00	876,897.42	43,224.49	1,382,163.88	188,127.89	5,857.72	1,087.50	3,757,782.64
January 1965.....	244,313.10	249,258.82	194,093.79	189,678.28	185,255.18	191,560.36	877,669.17	43,324.57	1,391,596.45	193,459.81	5,932.72	1,125.00	3,767,268.25
February.....	241,938.84	247,287.73	194,352.42	189,009.83	184,894.25	192,438.97	871,376.26	42,896.76	1,390,006.86	193,425.56	6,056.22	1,125.00	3,754,428.66
March.....	244,899.01	248,002.47	190,959.04	189,384.10	185,165.14	192,308.19	872,584.27	43,352.94	1,382,477.48	196,643.35	6,366.22	1,162.50	3,753,304.71
Total.....	2,916,404.06	2,996,310.35	2,335,901.35	2,307,060.19	2,225,259.19	2,310,725.41	10,478,554.37	508,842.38	16,621,989.85	2,301,093.73	71,721.04	13,925.00	45,087,786.92
Deduct -													
Amounts recovered													
account of													
overpayments.....	30,730.99	10,595.26	13,077.74	7,763.83	8,702.68	15,731.00	26,594.29	510.16	65,889.06	13,978.17	...	90.00	193,663.18
Add -													
Amounts reimbursed													
provinces account													
of overpayments.....	15,365.49	5,297.63	6,538.87	3,881.91	4,351.34	7,865.50	13,297.14	255.08	32,944.53	6,989.08	...	45.00	96,831.57
Total 1964-65.....	2,901,038.56	2,991,012.72	2,259,362.48	2,303,178.27	2,220,907.85	2,302,859.91	10,465,257.22	508,587.30	16,589,045.32	2,294,104.64	71,721.04	13,880.00	44,990,955.31

Age	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.
Total	19,235.0	491.0	107.0	766.0	617.0	5,562.0	6,586.0	958.0	943.0	1,432.0	1,738.0	16.0	25.0
0-4	2,283.6	72.5	13.4	91.4	77.7	657.9	762.2	110.0	113.3	188.5	189.5	2.5	4.7
5-9	2,181.0	65.2	12.3	87.4	76.0	656.0	711.8	103.3	108.9	171.8	182.8	2.1	3.4
10-14	2,004.3	62.8	12.2	82.3	74.5	604.4	649.2	97.4	100.5	149.2	167.5	1.6	2.7
15-19	1,692.6	53.7	10.8	75.1	64.7	531.7	533.4	82.4	83.0	117.5	139.3	1.0	2.0
20-24	1,310.7	37.0	7.3	55.1	43.5	425.4	412.7	63.6	60.4	93.9	109.0	1.0	1.8
25-29	1,174.6	27.4	5.5	43.6	32.4	359.9	402.1	55.9	50.2	92.5	101.8	1.1	2.2
30-34	1,234.5	25.6	5.1	41.4	31.7	367.8	441.4	57.0	52.9	98.2	110.1	1.4	1.9
35-39	1,281.2	24.8	5.2	42.3	33.6	370.8	471.2	60.5	56.2	96.1	117.5	1.4	1.6
40-44	1,208.2	24.2	5.6	43.8	34.4	336.7	442.3	60.4	56.1	87.8	114.7	1.0	1.2
45-49	1,058.1	23.0	5.6	42.2	31.6	289.2	374.0	55.4	53.4	76.3	105.7	0.8	0.9
50-54	940.3	19.6	5.1	37.6	27.9	255.5	335.7	50.3	47.8	64.7	94.5	0.7	0.9
55-59	775.2	15.2	4.3	30.4	22.8	211.0	280.6	41.4	39.9	53.2	75.3	0.5	0.6
60-64	622.8	11.7	3.7	24.0	18.3	163.9	230.8	33.7	32.4	43.2	60.3	0.3	0.5
65-69	505.5	9.9	3.5	21.1	15.9	125.9	189.1	28.1	27.3	33.5	50.6	0.3	0.3
70-74	405.5	7.8	3.0	17.8	13.2	93.4	148.8	24.1	24.5	27.0	45.5	0.2	0.2
75-79	296.8	5.6	2.2	13.1	9.7	62.1	106.9	18.6	19.0	21.0	38.4	0.1	0.1
80-84	166.3	3.3	1.3	8.0	5.7	32.6	59.0	10.4	11.1	11.6	23.3	*	*
85-89	68.2	1.2	0.6	3.7	2.4	13.1	25.0	4.0	4.6	4.4	9.2	*	*
90+	25.6	0.5	0.3	1.7	1.0	4.7	9.8	1.5	1.5	1.6	3.0	*	*

* Less than 50.

16. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities – Ordinary Life Plan
Monthly Annuity Purchasable with \$1000 at Certain Ages

	Age	Monthly Annuity for \$1000	
		Male	Female
Born 1941–1950.....	21	3.72	3.63
	25	3.80	3.70
	30	3.92	3.79
1931–1940.....	23	3.78	3.68
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
	40	4.32	4.10
1921–1930.....	33	4.08	3.91
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
	45	4.66	4.35
	50	5.02	4.63
1911–1920	43	4.61	4.30
	45	4.74	4.40
	50	5.12	4.69
	55	6.37	5.84
	60	6.99	6.36
1901–1910	53	5.52	4.98
	55	6.51	5.92
	60	7.16	6.46
	65	8.07	7.24
	70	9.40	8.38
1891–1900	63	7.89	7.03
	65	8.31	7.39
	70	9.68	8.56
	75	11.76	10.35
	80	15.02	13.21
1890 and before	73	11.15	9.76
	75	12.09	10.58
	80	15.31	13.42
	85	20.45	18.08

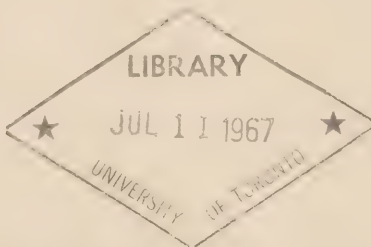
Note: These are the rates in effect since April 1, 1964. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.

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**REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
IN CANADA**

Under the Provisions of the
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT

Chapter 199, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952
as amended by 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)
6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 6 (1957-1958)
10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1962)
12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)



FISCAL YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 1966

ROGER DUHAMEL, F.R.S.C.
QUEEN'S PRINTER AND CONTROLLER OF STATIONERY
OTTAWA, 1966

To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C.
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1966, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Allan J. MacEachen
Minister of National Health and Welfare

Honourable Allan J. MacEachen,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Sir, -- I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1966, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD
Deputy Minister of National Welfare.

AWA, April 1, 1966.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Canada
Publications

Fiscal Year 1965-66

Operations during the Fiscal Year

Federal payments to the provinces under the Old Age Assistance Act 1965-66 were reduced as a result of a 1965 amendment to the Old Age Security Act which lowered the eligible age from 70 to 69 effective January, 1965. This reduction in pensionable age will continue, one year at a time, until January, 1970, when the Old Age Security pension will be paid at age 65. The payment of old age security at age 69, beginning January 1, 1966, resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of recipients of old age assistance for the last three months of the fiscal year.

Federal expenditure under the Old Age Assistance Act was further reduced by the discontinuance, beginning April 1, 1965, of payments to the provinces in accordance with a supplementary agreement between Canada and the provinces under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act. The effect of this Act and agreement is to make old age assistance a provincially financed and administered program, with the funds formerly received under the Old Age Assistance Act being received through a tax abatement to the province. The program continues to be administered, however, in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

For 1965-66, federal payments under the Old Age Assistance Act to the provinces and the two territories amounted to \$26,980,509.70. If payments to Quebec had continued during 1965-66, the amount payable to that province would have been \$15,941,412.22, and the total for Canada would have been \$42,921,921.92. As at March 31, 1966, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 84,959.

During 1965-66, 33,962 applications were dealt with. Of this number 30,244 were approved, 3,423 were not approved, most of them because of insufficient income, and 915 were not completed. There were 47,707 recipients transferred to old age security.

The following is a summary of operations under the Old Age Assistance Act from 1954-55 to 1965-66.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 9 to 14 of this report.

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$
1954-55...	27,688	5,034	20,987	94,625	20,869,126
1955-56...	25,820	4,689	21,931	93,023	20,918,186
1956-57...	24,423	4,637	22,616	89,907	20,399,101
1957-58...	28,638	4,480	22,256	92,484	24,961,383
1958-59...	32,291	4,964	22,424	97,836	30,207,284
1959-60...	28,628	4,278	22,719	98,773	30,347,548
1960-61...	28,392	4,260	22,218	100,184	30,657,141
1961-62...	26,827	4,468	23,323	98,944	30,810,585
1962-63...	31,677	4,144	23,481	103,159	38,179,056
1963-64...	30,466	4,202	23,842	105,241	39,208,181
1964-65...	31,004	4,050	24,338	107,354	44,990,955
1965-66...	29,624	4,338	47,707	84,959	26,980,509

(1) Amount shown excludes Quebec. If payments had been made to Quebec during 1965-66, the total figure would have been \$42,921,921.92.

2. Amendments to the Act

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act during the fiscal year 1965-66. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows -

Period	Maximum monthly assistance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40	65	20	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouses)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	65	20	840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouses)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	\$55	65	10	960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouses)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	\$65	65	10	1,140 (unmarried) 1,980 (married) 2,340 (blind spouses)
From December 1, 1963	\$75	65	10	1,260 (unmarried) 2,220 (married) 2,580 (blind spouses)

Agreements with Provinces and Territories

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories in accordance with the provisions of the Old Age Assistance Act were not ended during 1965-66. The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act did not alter the operation of the old age assistance program in the province except in the manner in which the program is financed.

Administration -- Federal

The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of assistance payments. The Division also exercises general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

Administration -- Provincial

Old Age Assistance is paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

The following is a list of provincial acts, territorial ordinances and regulations in force as at March 31, 1966.

ALBERTA --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 288, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, as amended by chapter 106, Statutes of Alberta, 1964. (Old Age Assistance Regulations, Alberta Regulation 296/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1434/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA --

Old-age Assistance Act, Chapter 2, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session). (Old-age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 3032, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 189, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 43, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session) and Chapter 37, Statutes of Manitoba, 1964. (Manitoba Regulation 26/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 53/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 105/57, filed December 11, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 16/62, filed February 27, 1962 and Manitoba Regulation 4/64, filed January 3, 1964).

NEW BRUNSWICK --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 163, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960-1961. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations made by Order in Council 52-1306, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 61, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by No. 16, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, No. 46, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957, No. 5, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958 and No. 4, 1965. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 36, Statutes of Nova Scotia 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 267, Revised Statutes of Ontario 1960. (Ontario Regulation 457, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 33, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 25, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 26, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 28, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC --

"Aged Persons Assistance Act", Chapter 61, 13-14 Elizabeth II, 1965. (Regulations made by Order in Council number 273, dated February 17, 1966).

SASKATCHEWAN --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 242, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 58, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 871, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES --

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session), Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1962 (Second Session) and Chapter 10, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1964 (First Session).

(The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY --

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958, as amended by Chapter 2, 1961 (First Session), Chapter 17, 1962 (First Session) and Chapter 3, 1964 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory 1964-59 dated June 26, 1964).

Provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1966 --

ALBERTA --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.
Minister -- Honourable L. C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister -- D. W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority -- The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer -- K. T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA --

Department -- Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.
Minister -- Honourable W. D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.
Deputy Minister -- E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.
Provincial Authority -- Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.
Chief Officer -- E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA --

Department -- Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.
Minister -- Honourable J. B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.
Deputy Minister -- K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority -- The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.
Chief Officer -- L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK --

Department -- Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.
Minister -- Honourable J. D. MacCallum, Minister of Youth and Welfare.
Deputy Minister -- J. E. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Youth and Welfare.
Provincial Authority -- Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.
Chief Officer -- J. L. Arsenault, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister -- Honourable Myles P. Murray, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer -- George Pope, Director of Old Age Assistance,
St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister -- Honourable James M. Harding, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- F. R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer -- H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance,
Halifax.

ONTARIO --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister -- Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Director of Welfare Allowances Branch,
Toronto.

Chief Officer -- W. S. Groom, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch,
Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND --

Department -- Department of Welfare and Labour, Charlottetown.

Minister -- Honourable Hubert B. McNeill, Minister of Welfare and
Labour.

Deputy Minister -- W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Provincial Authority -- Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC --

Department -- Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister -- Honourable René Levesque, Minister of Family and
Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and
Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer -- Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social
Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN --

Department -- Department of Welfare, Regina.

Minister -- Honourable Dave Boldt, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- A. W. Sihvon, Acting Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer -- Mrs. D. I. Zarski, Director of Public Assistance,
Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES --

Commissioner -- B. G. Sivertz, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority -- F. J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY --

Commissioner -- G. R. Cameron, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y. T.

Territorial Authority -- C. B. H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y. T.

Advisory Board and Regulations

During the fiscal year subsection (2) of section 11 of the Old Age Assistance Regulations was amended by adding allowances paid pursuant to the Youth Allowances Act and the Schooling Allowances Act of Quebec to the items which, at the request of the province, may be specified in an agreement as items not to be included in the calculation of income.

The amendment to the Old Age Security Act lowering the age of eligibility made it necessary to amend subsection (2) of section 19 of the Old Age Assistance Regulations to provide for the recovery of an overpayment prior to the date on which the recipient first attains an age at which pensions may be paid to persons under the Old Age Security Act, instead of at age 70.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulations did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

Comparison with Related Acts

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1966.

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Pers Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordi- nances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance ⁽¹⁾	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances ⁽¹⁾	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	69 years ⁽²⁾	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years preceding approval or 40 years after age 18	10 years preceding commencement	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$75 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married- blind spouse	\$1,500 - unmarried 1,980 - unmarried- dependent child 2,580 - married 2,700 - married- blind spouse	\$1,260 - unmar- ried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and perman- ent disability defini- tion by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T. B. sanatoria excluded. Pay- ment by individuals greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age security or pen- sion in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allow- ance or old age securi- ty or mothers allow- ance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may spec- ify minimum age, maximum assist- ance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may spec- ify maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	Province may spe- cify minimum age, maximum allow- ance, maximum inco- me allowed and any condition of eli- gibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be con- tinuous if pensioner has 25 years re- sidence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

(1) The manner in which the Government of Canada will contribute may be altered by an agreement with a province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act.

(2) Reduced from 70 to 69 as from January 1, 1966.

Another program closely associated with old age assistance, blindness allowances and disabled persons allowances is the federal-provincial unemployment assistance program established by the Unemployment Assistance Act. Under the authority of the Act the Federal Government has entered into agreements to reimburse the provinces and territories 50 per cent of their payments to persons unemployed and in need. The Federal Government also shares under this program in assistance paid to recipients of the unemployment insurance programs mentioned above as well as to recipients of old age security and unemployment insurance where supplementation is required. Payments must be based on an individual assessment of need which takes into account the applicant's personal requirements and financial resources. Other conditions are determined by the provinces.

The main features of this plan as at March 31, 1966, were as follows -

Legislation	Federal Acts, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances.
Administration	Federal, provincial and municipal.
Agreements	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance to persons unemployed and in need.
Sources of funds	Federal 50% -- Provincial-Municipal 50%.
Minimum age	No age limit, but children must be dependents of recipients.
Residence in Canada	No residence requirement; residence must not be a condition of eligibility for persons moving from one province to another.
Maximum payment	No federal maximum; rates set by provinces.
Maximum income allowed	No federal maximum; income limits set by provinces.
Medical test	None.
Institutions	Federal Act provides for sharing in homes for special care, such as homes for the aged and nursing homes.
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable.
Eligible requirements	Rates of assistance and conditions of eligibility are set by the provinces.
Residence from Canada	No federal requirement; a province grants aid only while recipients are in the province.

8. Changes from Inception of Old Age Pensions

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament -- Date of Assent March 1927.
- 1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931, to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records -- Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over -- Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act, P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension-P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being:
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.

(Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).

9 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year -- Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.

9 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada-- Date of Assent March 25, 1949.

0 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

1 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada -- Date of Assent May 31, 1951.

1 The following Acts passed by Parliament-

(a) Old Age Security Act -- Date of Assent December 21, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test. The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repealed the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).

(b) Old Age Assistance Act -- Date of Assent June 30, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the provinces. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old age assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).

- (c) Blind Persons Act -- Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amount of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954, under Old Age Security Act.
- 1954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament -- Date of Assent June 1954.
- 1955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, proclamation dated November 23, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 19 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month -- Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid -- Date of Assent November 7, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years -- Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances -- Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

9 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.

0 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely -- Date of Assent July 7, 1960.

2 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the maximum federal pension from \$55 to \$65 a month -- Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

3 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from October 1, 1963, the maximum federal pension from \$65 to \$75 a month -- Date of Assent October 16, 1963.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from December 1, 1963, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent December 12, 1963.

1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 65 to 64 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1, 1966 - Date of Assent April 3, 1965.

1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, providing for certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be wholly financed and administered by a provincial government with the federal contribution being replaced by a tax abatement adjustment payments.

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	5,453	5,478	4,241	4,200	4,080	4,423
	\$ cts. 68.61	\$ cts. 71.74	\$ cts. 69.02	\$ cts. 69.72	\$ cts. 72.14	\$ cts. 67.66
Average monthly payment						
Federal Government's contributions	2,795,633.33	2,836,336.10	2,188,141.38	2,161,779.05	2,121,068.34	2,188,256.57
April 1, 1965 - March 31, 1966						

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	19,991	988	31,971	3,975	133	24	84,959
	\$ cts. 67.25	\$ cts. 70.23	\$ cts. 70.20	\$ cts. 68.87	\$ cts. 73.74	\$ cts. 72.13	
Average monthly payment							
Federal Government's contributions	10,006,000.88	498,378.08	(1)	2,097,641.77	73,721.70	13,552.50	26,980,509.70 (2)
April 1, 1965 - March 31, 1966							

Average monthly all-winter (Canada) - \$67.31

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Establishment Program (Interim Arrangements)

Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1965-66.

(2) If payments had been made to Quebec amount would have been increased by \$15,941,412.22 for a total of \$42,921,921.92.

10. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
1965-66

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	ALTA.		B. C.		MAN.		N. B.		NFLD.		N. S.		ONT.		P. E. I.		SASK.		N. W. T.		Y. T.		TOTAL		
Total.....	2,004		2,095		1,495		1,328		1,316		1,524		7,241		333		1,330		49		9		29,624		
Male.....	994		1,053		689		617		654		706		3,007		173		615		26		4		13,256		
Female.....	1,010		1,042		806		711		662		818		4,234		160		715		23		5		16,368		
Married.....	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Single.....	589	494	437	405	418	379	394	357	523	392	386	359	1,500	1,427	102	94	3,037	2,420	373	328	11	10	2	...	
Widower.....	220	49	307	54	144	62	124	64	61	36	177	98	731	422	42	15	806	824	141	36	3	...	...	...
Widow.....	86	...	106	...	66	...	50	...	57	...	85	...	341	...	18	...	494	...	49	...	8	...	2	...	
Separated.....	378	...	419	...	301	...	241	...	223	...	287	1,951	...	44	...	2,446	...	309	...	11	...	5	...
Divorced.....	83	70	164	128	54	51	45	45	13	11	51	68	397	368	11	7	381	492	46	38	4	2	...	...
Age 65.....	16	19	39	36	7	13	4	4	...	...	7	6	38	66	...	...	...	...	6	4	...	...	...	...
66.....	683	766	722	698	161	159	484	595	558	593	494	627	1,901	2,974	129	115	3,301	4,907	441	548	19	21	1	1	
67.....	138	107	146	162	453	557	73	53	49	27	101	84	494	501	21	20	741	651	77	77	4	1	2	2	
68.....	86	79	87	97	42	49	34	40	23	19	67	50	318	354	12	19	347	311	47	47	...	...	...	...
69.....	50	42	63	51	26	35	20	14	12	20	30	40	173	264	7	5	207	191	31	28	2	1	1	1	
Over 70.....	37	16	35	34	7	6	6	8	12	3	14	17	121	141	4	1	122	122	19	15	1	...	...	...
In cities.....	385	485	604	608	245	329	87	152	59	98	78	124	1,374	2,271	22	19	1,562	2,612	162	236	...	...	...	...
In towns.....	179	188	86	94	146	200	40	78	113	147	193	241	489	711	9	14	780	1,259	129	160	...	...	2	2
In villages.....	168	162	185	202	121	120	...	2	482	417	354	347	463	540	4	2	2,174	2,203	131	163	...	...	2	2
On farms.....	213	140	103	88	91	93	244	258	...	...	81	106	137	125	72	59	202	108	147	122	...	...	...	...
Other.....	49	35	75	50	86	64	246	221	...	...	...	...	544	587	66	66	...	...	46	34	26	23	...	1
Own homes.....	494	510	383	468	295	368	404	404	561	512	490	501	1,186	1,699	112	105	1,819	1,829	364	460	10	8	2	4	
Rented houses or apts.....	153	157	391	333	63	68	66	110	20	15	39	74	523	796	7	11	1,323	1,834	111	117	...	...	1	2
Children - relatives.....	102	224	101	187	48	155	70	131	64	118	75	174	282	1,024	24	31	645	1,633	40	84	14	12	...	...
Rented rooms.....	114	41	116	20	120	89	6	3	4	9	62	48	729	481	17	12	655	571	69	34	...	...	...	...
Public institutions.....	62	42	41	25	18	31	21	15	3	8	35	16	260	206	13	1	276	315	26	16	...	...	...	...
Private institutions.....	27	16	21	9	11	18	2	4	2	...	5	5	27	28	...	...	...	...	5	4	...	...	...	...
Other.....	42	20	...	...	134	77	48	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
Number receiving regular annual income -																									
Pension other than under Old Age Assistance Act.....	142		164		224		19		126		200		698		1		1,183		43		...		2,800		
Annuity of any kind.....	146		29		5		...		30		...		99		...		196		18		4		527		
Spouses in receipt of old age security.....	247		244		249		152		153		196		692		45		973		147		6		3,104		
Number receiving unemployment.....																									

AGE	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66
Total	27,068	25,820	24,423	28,638	32,291	28,628	28,392	26,827	31,677	30,466	31,004	29,024
65	16,060	16,120	15,793	17,001	18,939	18,538	17,772	16,639	20,613	20,178	20,880	20,898
	61,28	62,47	64,67	59,36	58,65	64,75	62,60	62,02	65,07	66,23	67,35	70,54
66	3,787	3,494	3,311	4,725	4,892	3,673	3,922	4,161	4,278	3,801	4,004	4,541
	13,98	13,53	13,56	16,50	15,15	12,83	13,81	15,51	13,51	12,80	12,91	15,33
67	2,688	2,641	2,280	3,141	3,840	2,540	2,795	2,616	2,978	2,819	2,708	2,124
	10,43	10,42	9,34	10,97	11,89	8,87	9,84	9,76	9,40	9,38	8,73	7,19
68	2,331	2,106	1,867	2,222	2,845	2,447	2,431	2,093	2,845	2,220	2,003	1,314
	8,64	8,17	7,64	7,76	8,81	8,55	8,86	7,80	7,40	7,29	6,48	4,44
69	1,033	1,006	1,172	1,544	1,769	1,426	1,468	1,316	1,461	1,318	1,406	741
	3,67	3,41	4,07	5,34	5,48	4,98	5,17	4,91	4,61	4,53	4,53	2,50
70	...	...	...	...	5	6	4	...	2	...	3	1
	...	...	...	...	.02	.02	0,1	...	.01	...	.01	.003

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	N.F.D.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Not 65 years of age	64	79	82	48	22	65	203	...	118	70	3	4	724
Unable to prove age	...	5	...	9	8	3	10	...	12	...	...	...	47
Too much income	130	89	79	105	45	132	646	26	703	87	...	...	2,042
Not self-sufficient	16	7	3	2	2	...	11	...	21	15	...	...	77
Unable to prove residence	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	4	...	...	...	5
Transfer of property	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	14
Bad character allowance	...	18	6	16	10	1	84	...	16	2	...	...	140
Kindergarten allowance	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
Wholesale profits allowance	...	41	...	1	...	...	10	...	3	3	...	...	47
Refused information	13	48	18	2	...	...	20	...	7	17	...	...	122
Assistance private source	...	4	...	5	...	...	4	...	11	...	...	...	11
Over 70 years	...	10	4	10	...	5	23	...	24	...	...	...	77
Old age security	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	...	3	...	...	...	18
Disabled persons allowance	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other allowance	...	2	...	...	...	...	85	...	...	...	...	...	87
Total	352	288	163	196	87	223	1,150	20	914	198	3	4	3,423

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	N.F.D.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Waiting for documents	73	82	...	51	2	29	165	4	204	28	...	...	789
Applicant deceased	18	20	...	4	2	...	4	...	33	10	...	1	209
Total	91	102	...	55	4	...	169	4	237	38	...	1	998

DEATHS DURING 1965-66

	ALTA.	B. C.	MAN.	N. B.	NFLD.	N. S.	ONT.	P. E. I.	QUE.	SASK.	N. W. T.	Y. T.	TOTAL
At age 65	40	29	14	17	16	22	173	2	208	27	1	...	549
66	37	44	34	20	21	30	221	6	256	28	...	...	701
67	34	38	29	29	20	33	233	5	298	31	...	...	750
68	56	59	41	22	23	38	232	6	230	41	2	...	750
69	34	57	38	37	35	32	276	14	323	40	2	...	888
Total	201	227	156	125	119	155	1,135	33	1,315	167	5	...	3,638
On payist: for -													
Less than 1 year	58	60	47	33	31	42	311	11	359	49	1	...	1,002
1 to 2 years	68	51	32	23	22	35	293	12	386	32	...	...	954
2 to 3 years	48	47	35	39	24	25	234	4	283	36	1	...	776
3 to 4 years	20	51	29	18	23	32	173	5	157	30	1	...	539
4 to 5 years	7	18	13	12	19	21	124	1	130	20	2	...	367
Surviving spouse in receipt of -													
Old age security	2	14	24	23	22	21	97	...	154	18	2	...	377
Old age assistance	30	18	5	12	11	6	115	...	188	11	...	...	396
Blindness allowance .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	6
Disability allowance .....	...	...	...	...	1	2	18	...	6	...	...	...	27
War veterans allowance .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mothers allowance .....	...	...	...	...	23	4	2	...	...	1	...	...	30

PROOF OF AGE

	ALTA.	B. C.	MAN.	N. B.	NFLD.	N. S.	ONT.	P. E. I.	QUE.	SASK.	N. W. T.	Y. T.	TOTAL
Age established by -													
Certificate of birth	1,091	1,315	827	466	444	432	4,367	130	1,329	727	13	...	11,141
Certificate of baptism	269	250	235	695	824	679	1,527	170	9,044	166	16	2	13,877
Census records alone	113	28	100	5	12	408	318	30	233	79	2	1	1,329
Old Bible records	27	...	3	...	...	...	71	...	4	41	...	...	146
Other records and tribunals	504	502	330	162	36	5	958	3	290	317	18	6	3,131

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

	ALTA.	B. C.	MAN.	N. B.	NFLD.	N. S.	ONT.	P. E. I.	QUE.	SASK.	N. W. T.	Y. T.	TOTAL
Single	455	623	348	191	111	287	1,796	82	2,379	241	16	3	6,532
Married couples	158	140	194	62	45	64	496	32	317	129	12	...	2,249

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																	
	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Less than \$500..	28	13	78	20	43	34	64	48	25	3	350	75	247	3	75	30	91	722	1,441	32	2	...	2,718	13	1	3	6	12	10	23	9	200	18	...	240			
\$ 500 - 1,000..	29	12	37	17	60	31	73	58	33	1	391	18	40	13	39	5	16	387	293	19	780	32	6	11	14	15	26	48	22	40	15	2	...	240		
1,001 - 2,000..	30	18	2	26	34	27	95	73	35	...	330	15	22	1	20	4	18	156	62	17	315	29	27	1	43	41	45	180	23	128	67	1	...	525		
2,001 - 3,000..	28	21	30	3	14	17	46	42	22	...	223	9	6	11	6	2	11	75	32	8	160	38	40	22	30	24	57	171	4	88	39	1	...	585		
3,001 - 4,000..	10	5	10	2	6	14	23	42	8	...	125	5	13	6	5	1	5	83	41	6	...	...	135	27	46	31	24	5	32	143	...	84	21	...	413	
4,001 - 5,000..	5	7	2	7	6	15	...	33	2	...	86	4	7	6	2	...	1	23	14	4	...	...	37	16	35	24	15	3	8	54	...	47	7	...	193	
5,001 - 6,000..	3	1	...	2	5	...	20	...	1	...	92	1	2	6	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	37	18	21	22	15	3	8	54	...	47	7	...	193
6,001 - 7,000..	3	3	4	...	1	...	21	...	...	...	32	2	2	4	...	...	8	...	3	1	...	...	20	13	11	12	8	4	11	34	...	43	2	...	138
7,001 - 8,000..	2	...	1	...	...	2	11	...	...	...	16	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	2	6	8	3	1	2	3	20	...	28	1	...	72
8,001 - 9,000..	...	1	1	...	1	1	1	8	...	...	13	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	6	1	3	5	4	12	...	25	1	...	60
9,001 - 10,000..	1	1	...	3	5	1	5	4	3	1	2	...	19	35		
Over 10,000..	1	...	7	8	1	...	2	3	3	...	56	68		

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

MARRIED COUPLES

AVERAGE ASSISTANCE IN EACH MONTH OF FISCAL YEAR 1965-66

Province	1965												1966		
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March			
Alberta	\$ 69.05	\$ 69.03	\$ 69.09	\$ 69.07	\$ 69.02	\$ 68.98	\$ 68.92	\$ 68.94	\$ 68.69	\$ 68.55	\$ 68.64	\$ 68.61			
British Columbia	71.75	71.64	71.62	71.69	71.68	71.71	71.82	71.77	71.82	71.79	71.71	71.74			
Manitoba	69.13	69.07	69.05	69.14	69.07	69.13	69.13	69.17	69.18	69.07	69.12	69.02			
New Brunswick	70.27	70.28	70.25	70.26	70.21	70.19	70.17	70.22	70.26	69.89	69.74	69.72			
Newfoundland	72.30	72.33	72.29	72.33	72.39	72.48	72.43	72.50	72.41	72.16	72.17	72.14			
Nova Scotia	68.40	68.28	68.26	68.27	68.21	68.31	68.24	68.25	68.16	67.97	67.90	67.96			
Ontario	67.34	67.36	67.45	67.51	67.51	67.49	67.47	67.42	67.39	67.24	67.19	67.28			
Prince Edward Island	70.44	70.32	70.48	70.58	70.56	70.53	70.73	70.84	70.78	70.79	70.83	70.73			
Quebec	70.33	70.28	70.20	70.16	70.14	70.13	70.09	70.06	70.05	70.13	70.13	70.07			
Saskatchewan	68.92	69.00	68.97	68.95	68.90	69.06	68.97	69.00	68.93	68.77	68.79	68.87			
Northwest Territories	74.35	74.42	74.45	74.21	74.48	74.45	74.21	74.21	74.20	74.32	73.99	73.64			
Yukon Territory	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00			

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1954-1955.....	1,202	2,081	1,168	1,284	1,071	1,181	5,065	147	6,675	1,096	16	1	20,987
1955-1956.....	1,345	2,021	1,196	1,107	1,064	1,220	5,487	148	7,120	1,197	20	6	21,931
1956-1957.....	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,391	1,041	1,300	5,624	160	7,320	1,258	18	4	22,616
1957-1958.....	1,376	1,877	1,165	1,200	1,024	1,231	5,548	144	7,394	1,265	26	6	22,256
1958-1959.....	1,420	1,965	1,185	1,368	1,082	1,220	5,281	165	7,341	1,358	29	10	22,424
1959-1960.....	1,498	1,900	1,179	1,310	1,048	1,199	5,527	174	7,454	1,398	23	9	22,719
1960-1961.....	1,441	1,844	1,185	1,230	1,055	1,206	5,401	176	7,284	1,354	28	14	22,218
1961-1962.....	1,460	1,877	1,209	1,295	1,151	1,302	5,558	180	7,815	1,432	34	10	23,323
1962-1963.....	1,542	1,847	1,162	1,258	1,118	1,332	5,738	186	7,841	1,415	28	14	23,481
1963-1964.....	1,486	1,792	1,302	1,301	1,141	1,303	5,749	259	8,041	1,421	32	15	23,842
1964-1965.....	1,541	1,771	1,249	1,315	1,090	1,302	5,870	241	8,520	1,400	28	11	24,338
1965-1966.....	3,039	3,137	2,486	2,365	2,244	2,534	11,670	532	16,887	2,736	65	12	47,707
Total	28,877	24,899	17,662	26,414	14,129	16,990	72,715	2,812	99,012	27,880	347	117	277,849

(1) Total transfers 1951-52 to 1953-54 were 32,222.

12. Number of Recipients at End of Each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	....	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	...	...	41,601
1952-53.....	4,668	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	...	87,675
1953-54.....	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,584	64	4	93,273
1954-55.....	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
1955-56.....	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
1956-57.....	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	89,907
1957-58.....	5,715	6,906	4,474	5,774	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	92,484
1958-59.....	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
1959-60.....	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,682	5,377	5,477	22,544	750	34,312	5,726	128	52	98,773
1960-61.....	6,584	7,322	5,098	5,555	5,342	5,395	22,736	801	35,441	5,727	135	48	100,184
1961-62.....	6,494	7,189	5,082	5,421	5,184	5,248	22,868	897	34,615	5,760	140	46	98,944
1962-63.....	6,479	7,039	5,448	5,491	5,187	5,421	23,925	1,039	37,086	5,866	144	34	103,159
1963-64.....	6,644	6,864	5,436	5,447	5,081	5,509	25,197	1,130	38,206	5,549	147	31	105,241
1964-65.....	6,810	6,829	5,520	5,356	5,088	5,574	26,049	1,229	39,239	5,463	166	31	107,354
1965-66.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April 1965.....	6,810	6,840	5,500	5,366	5,095	5,610	26,076	1,220	39,367	5,427	174	32	107,517
May.....	6,839	6,855	5,520	5,392	5,108	5,631	26,156	1,231	39,529	5,405	176	31	107,873
June.....	6,897	6,845	5,541	5,405	5,116	5,623	26,215	1,243	39,577	5,431	185	33	108,111
July.....	6,934	6,857	5,523	5,422	5,131	5,631	26,238	1,252	39,603	5,418	189	32	108,230
August.....	6,938	6,883	5,519	5,422	5,145	5,653	26,311	1,250	39,692	5,404	172	32	108,421
September.....	6,986	6,867	5,527	5,405	5,160	5,632	26,285	1,240	39,639	5,353	173	34	108,301
October.....	6,969	6,877	5,498	5,392	5,160	5,626	26,125	1,235	39,843	5,288	174	32	108,219
November.....	6,957	6,863	5,466	5,366	5,169	5,607	26,122	1,236	39,947	5,264	173	32	108,202
December.....	5,478	6,883	5,460	5,313	5,176	5,624	26,106	1,239	40,059	5,223	171	33	106,765
January 1966.....	5,475	5,421	4,238	4,202	4,095	4,415	20,206	990	31,902	3,923	132	28	85,027
February.....	5,444	5,448	4,230	4,217	4,065	4,435	20,066	997	31,930	3,938	134	26	84,930
March.....	5,453	5,478	4,241	4,200	4,065	4,435	20,066	997	31,930	3,938	134	26	84,930

14. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1951-52.....	144,051.36	262,668.27	106,689.51	165,637.56	...	893,039.70	6,532.45	6,532.45	6,500,081.24	133,392.55	...	...	2,277,238.49
1952-53.....	967,948.46	1,701,894.47	1,036,021.86	1,113,421.31	836,896.50	893,039.70	4,589,572.90	86,313.41	6,427,593.20	997,396.06	...	...	19,126,837.37
1953-54.....	1,107,190.01	1,603,051.08	1,112,322.18	1,248,334.19	896,426.59	1,028,756.25	4,726,132.41	89,465.94	7,187,256.43	1,017,535.28	14,251.14	880.00	20,286,152.60
1954-55.....	1,165,331.91	1,872,409.14	1,116,036.46	1,288,045.23	898,972.70	1,063,165.10	4,858,602.93	98,531.00	7,362,922.60	1,089,704.15	18,941.89	2,220.48	20,869,126.09
1955-56.....	1,240,491.68	1,788,308.64	1,111,603.66	1,303,188.68	877,212.01	1,036,927.35	4,916,977.94	99,659.08	7,357,373.13	1,150,402.27	21,000.19	3,080.00	20,916,186.11
1956-57.....	1,220,050.48	1,669,790.16	1,065,848.00	1,276,064.34	1,016,721.40	1,026,319.49	4,977,977.96	98,220.39	7,159,030.50	1,159,832.81	22,619.33	6,640.00	20,399,104.92
1957-58.....	1,538,750.51	1,479,058.25	1,297,115.27	1,599,905.44	1,298,769.97	1,316,054.57	5,050,280.73	142,257.55	7,602,892.76	1,435,587.62	29,384.56	9,726.00	24,961,383.23
1958-59.....	1,877,243.00	2,251,661.85	1,572,889.51	1,824,465.76	1,715,360.07	1,611,693.19	6,707,318.27	191,756.72	10,593,250.32	1,763,548.80	39,989.07	13,279.50	30,207,284.36
1959-60.....	1,955,162.45	2,353,754.63	1,800,916.16	1,786,176.98	1,775,260.55	1,619,202.85	6,608,442.92	204,795.00	10,688,151.37	1,757,262.41	43,266.95	14,524.00	30,637,548.06
1960-61.....	2,008,162.99	2,332,821.36	1,600,946.11	1,786,572.42	1,707,883.27	1,608,126.71	6,029,537.24	216,869.72	10,977,063.79	1,769,692.94	43,482.47	15,956.50	30,567,548.06
1961-62.....	2,000,455.46	2,245,027.11	1,692,226.47	1,760,484.31	1,672,590.48	1,569,348.48	6,903,030.92	248,349.50	10,896,301.71	1,761,660.79	46,021.33	15,507.00	30,810,585.16
1962-63.....	2,523,720.34	2,675,207.46	2,001,605.67	2,068,946.63	1,987,213.35	2,007,871.08	8,456,453.92	375,349.56	13,793,735.27	2,220,539.55	54,274.76	15,207.00	38,179,056.19
1963-64.....	2,569,785.40	2,781,892.45	2,105,939.67	2,121,387.79	1,945,020.94	2,084,088.91	9,134,957.22	394,947.07	13,860,075.19	2,151,490.09	56,743.50	12,113.50	39,208,181.11
1964-65.....	2,901,036.56	2,991,072.72	2,329,362.48	2,303,778.27	2,220,407.85	2,280,059.91	10,465,257.22	508,587.30	16,589,045.33	2,294,104.64	71,721.04	13,880.00	44,990,955.31
1965-66.....	244,109.27	249,501.41	193,239.90	192,411.10	185,397.75	193,657.83	718,003.14	43,192.34	...	189,434.58	6,731.22	1,200.00	2,417,078.54
April 1965.....	246,527.35	249,895.95	195,359.25	192,419.16	183,870.04	193,368.72	871,760.13	43,400.57	...	186,364.31	6,676.22	1,162.50	2,373,464.20
May.....	247,004.19	248,659.95	196,186.75	191,263.75	185,711.28	193,631.84	900,489.26	43,893.32	...	193,223.36	6,923.72	1,237.50	2,408,535.02
June.....	248,774.35	249,109.51	195,401.50	192,820.00	185,829.04	193,182.15	864,648.69	44,331.57	...	186,054.24	6,900.22	1,200.00	2,368,477.87
July.....	248,774.35	250,634.04	194,413.87	192,785.98	186,993.11	194,982.27	889,476.17	44,061.14	...	188,693.16	6,679.20	1,200.00	2,398,193.73
August.....	249,381.01	249,381.01	193,242.53	191,341.74	187,993.42	194,082.37	803,551.20	43,787.74	...	188,507.23	6,215.00	1,275.00	2,406,465.71
September.....	248,968.60	249,719.90	192,225.12	190,830.53	187,597.07	192,694.01	860,362.98	43,557.87	...	184,001.19	6,456.50	1,200.00	2,377,568.77
October.....	247,004.44	247,619.39	192,484.34	188,994.60	188,994.60	193,305.56	866,543.60	43,637.04	...	184,428.42	6,419.00	1,200.00	2,393,354.25
November.....	246,715.80	250,182.49	192,810.36	187,260.01	187,646.39	192,926.57	882,453.06	34,029.84	...	181,337.59	6,344.00	1,237.50	2,374,763.24
December.....	195,228.14	199,197.02	149,021.84	148,295.22	148,793.58	151,627.95	674,485.55	3,929.84	...	138,159.84	4,830.00	1,050.00	1,845,718.98
January 1966.....	195,837.63	197,046.83	149,708.99	148,472.78	148,073.48	151,583.05	670,335.08	3,156.62	...	142,011.04	4,957.06	675.00	1,843,878.56
February.....	193,754.23	200,373.42	149,882.58	146,560.97	148,586.20	150,403.75	676,569.83	3,475.64	...	141,411.15	4,934.56	975.00	1,847,950.33
March.....	2,812,443.24	2,841,600.92	2,194,037.03	2,165,565.70	2,125,485.96	2,196,021.07	10,017,608.60	498,690.16	(1)	2,106,227.23	74,066.70	13,612.50	27,045,449.20(2)
Total.....													
Deduct -													
Amounts recovered account of overpayments.....	33,619.82	10,529.63	11,791.30	7,573.30	8,835.23	15,528.99	23,395.62	624.15		17,170.91	690.00	120.00	129,878.95
Add -													
Amounts reimbursed provinces account of overpayments...	16,809.91	5,264.81	5,895.65	3,786.65	4,417.61	7,764.49	11,697.81	312.07		8,585.45	345.00	60.00	64,939.45
Total 1965-66	2,795,633.33	2,836,336.10	2,188,141.38	2,161,779.05	2,121,068.34	2,188,256.57	10,006,000.88	498,378.08	(1)	2,097,641.77	73,721.70	13,552.50	26,980,509.70(2)

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1965-66.

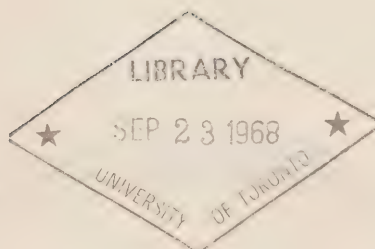
15. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities -- Ordinary Life Plan
Monthly Annuity Purchasable with \$1000 at Certain Ages

	Age	Monthly Annuity for \$1000	
		Male	Female
1941-1950.....	21	3.72	3.63
	25	3.80	3.70
	30	3.92	3.79
1931-1940.....	23	3.78	3.68
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
	40	4.32	4.10
1921-1930.....	33	4.08	3.91
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
	45	4.66	4.35
	50	5.02	4.63
1911-1920.....	43	4.61	4.30
	45	4.74	4.40
	50	5.12	4.69
	55	6.37	5.84
	60	6.99	6.36
1901-1910.....	53	5.52	4.98
	55	6.51	5.92
	60	7.16	6.46
	65	8.07	7.24
	70	9.40	8.38
1891-1900.....	63	7.89	7.03
	65	8.31	7.39
	70	9.68	8.56
	75	11.76	10.35
	80	15.02	13.21
1890 and before.....	73	11.15	9.76
	75	12.09	10.58
	80	15.31	13.42
	85	20.45	18.08

te: These are the rates in effect since April 1, 1964. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.

**REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
IN CANADA**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 1967



MENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, CANADA

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Under the Provisions of the
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT
Chapter 199, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952
as amended by
5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)
6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 6 (1957-58)
10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1962)
12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)
14-15 Elizabeth II, Chapter 45 (1966)

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To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1967, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Allan J. MacEachen
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD
Deputy Minister of National Welfare.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year 1966-67

Operations During the Fiscal Year

The Old Age Assistance Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 50 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for assistance to persons who have attained the age of 65 years but who are not yet eligible for Old Age Security. The provinces pay assistance to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Old Age Security Act was amended in 1965 to lower the age of eligibility by one year on January 1st of each year from 1966 to 1970, both inclusive. Thus, the age of eligibility for Old Age Security was reduced to 65 years on January 1, 1967 with a consequent reduction in the Old Age Assistance caseload.

Federal expenditures under the Old Age Assistance Act were reduced by the discontinuance of payments to Quebec in accordance with a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid to Quebec under the Old Age Assistance Act are received by the province through a tax adjustment. The program continues to be administered, however, in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

Under an amendment to the Old Age Assistance Act enacted in July, 1966, provinces that have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for Old Age Assistance and may assist this group under programs for which contributions are made through the Plan. They may also transfer current recipients of Old Age Assistance to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits. Both of these steps were taken by Saskatchewan on April 1, 1966.

For 1966-67, federal payments under the Old Age Assistance Act to the provinces and the two territories amounted to \$19,750,744.32. If payments to Quebec had continued during 1966-67, the amount payable to that province would have been \$12,291,268.52 and the total for Canada would have been \$32,042,012.84. As at March 31, 1967, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 58,363.

During 1966-67, 27,153 applications were dealt with. Of this number 21,633 were approved, 2,807 were not approved, most of them because of excess income, and 713 were not completed. There were 46,403 recipients transferred to old age security.

The following is a summary of operations under the Old Age Assistance Act from 1955-56 to 1966-67.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 9 to 14 of this report.

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1955-56...	25,820	4,689	21,931	93,023	20,918,186 11
1956-57...	24,423	4,637	22,616	89,907	20,399,104 92
1957-58...	28,638	4,480	22,256	92,484	24,961,383 23
1958-59...	32,291	4,964	22,424	97,836	30,207,284 36
1959-60...	28,628	4,278	22,719	98,773	30,347,548 06
1960-61...	28,392	4,260	22,218	100,184	30,657,141 05
1961-62...	26,827	4,468	23,323	98,944	30,810,585 16
1962-63...	31,677	4,144	23,481	103,159	38,179,056 59
1963-64...	30,466	4,202	23,842	105,241	39,208,181 11
1964-65...	31,004	4,050	24,338	107,354	44,990,955 31
1965-66...	29,624	4,338	47,707	84,959	26,980,509 70(1)
1966-67...	23,633	3,520	46,103	58,363	19,750,744.32(1)

(1) Amount shown excludes Quebec. If payments had been made to Quebec during 1966-67, the total figure would have been \$32,042,012.84.

2. Amendments to the Act

During the fiscal year the Act was amended with effect from April 1, 1966. The amendment provides that provinces that sign agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for old age assistance and may also transfer current recipients of assistance to a provincial program coming under the Plan provided that they receive comparable or greater benefits. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows -

Period	Maximum monthly assistance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40	65	20	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	65	20	840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	\$55	65	10	960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	\$65	65	10	1,140 (unmarried) 1,980 (married) 2,340 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	\$75	65	10	1,260 (unmarried) 2,220 (married) 2,580 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories in accordance with the provisions of the Old Age Assistance Act were not amended during 1966-67. The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act did not alter the operation of the old age assistance program in the province except as to the manner in which the program is financed.

4. Administration -- Federal

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Welfare Assistance and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of assistance payments. The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

5. Administration -- Provincial

Old Age Assistance is paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

The following is a list of provincial acts, territorial ordinances and regulations in force as at March 31, 1967.

ALBERTA --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 288, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, as amended by chapter 106, Statutes of Alberta, 1964. (Old Age Assistance Regulations, Alberta Regulation 296/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1434/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA --

Old-age Assistance Act, Chapter 2, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session). (Old-age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 3032, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 189, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 43, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session) and Chapter 37, Statutes of Manitoba, 1964. (Manitoba Regulation 26/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 53/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 105/57, filed December 11, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 16/62, filed February 27, 1962 and Manitoba Regulation 4/64, filed January 3, 1964).

NEW BRUNSWICK --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 163, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960-1961. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1306, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 61, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by No. 16, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, No. 46, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957, No. 5, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958 and No. 4, 1965. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 206, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 36, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 267, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960. (Ontario Regulation 457, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 104, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 33, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 25, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 26, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 28, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC --

"Aged Persons Assistance Act", Chapter 61, 13-14 Elizabeth II, 1965. (Regulations made by Order in Council number 273, dated February 17, 1966).

SASKATCHEWAN --

The Old Age Assistance Act, Chapter 242, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 58, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955. (The Old Age Assistance Regulations, made by Order in Council 871, dated April 22, 1955 - as amended by Order in Council 691/66 dated April 1, 1966).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES --

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session), Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1962 (Second Session) and Chapter 10, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1964 (First Session).

(The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY --

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958, as amended by Chapter 2, 1961 (First Session), Chapter 17, 1962 (First Session) and Chapter 3, 1964 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory 1964-59 dated June 26, 1964).

Provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1967 --

ALBERTA --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.
Minister -- Honourable L. C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister -- D. W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority -- The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer -- K. T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA --

Department -- Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.
Minister -- Honourable D. R. J. Campbell, Minister of Social Welfare.
Deputy Minister -- E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.
Provincial Authority -- Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.
Chief Officer -- E. W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA --

Department -- Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.
Minister -- Honourable J. B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.
Deputy Minister -- K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority -- The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.
Chief Officer -- L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK --

Department -- Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.
Minister -- Honourable J. D. MacCallum, Minister of Youth and Welfare.
Deputy Minister -- J. E. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Youth and Welfare.
Provincial Authority -- Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.
Chief Officer -- J. L. Arsenault, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister -- Honourable Aiden Maloney, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer -- George Pope, Director of Old Age Assistance,
St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister -- Honourable James M. Harding, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- F. R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer -- H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance,
Halifax.

ONTARIO --

Department -- Department of Social and Family Services, Toronto.

Minister -- Honourable John Yaremko, Minister of Social and Family
Services.

Deputy Minister -- J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Social and Family
Services.

Provincial Authority -- Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer -- W. S. Groom, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch
Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND --

Department -- Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister -- Honourable Lorne Bonnell, M. D., C. M., Minister of
Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Provincial Authority -- Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC --

Department -- Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister -- Honourable Jean-Paul Cloutier, Minister of Health and
Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and
Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer -- Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social
Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN --

Department -- Department of Welfare, Regina.

Minister -- Honourable Cy MacDonald, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- A. W. Sihvon, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer -- Mrs. D. I. Zarski, Director of Public Assistance,
Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES --

Commissioner -- S. M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority -- F. J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY --

Commissioner -- James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y. T.

Territorial Authority -- C. B. H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y. T.

Advisory Board and Regulations

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Regulations during 1966-67.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulations did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

Comparison with Related Acts

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1967.

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ord- inances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance ⁽¹⁾	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances ⁽¹⁾	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	68 years ⁽²⁾	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years preceding approval or 40 years after age 18	10 years preceding commencement	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$75 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married- blind spouse	\$1,500 - unmarried 1,980 - unmarried- dependent child 2,580 - married 2,700 - married- blind spouse	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married- blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T. B. sanatoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age security or pen- sion in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may spec- ify minimum age, maximum assist- ance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may spec- ify maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maxi- mum allowance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligi- bility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be con- tinuous if pensioner has 25 years res- idence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

(1) The manner in which the Government of Canada will contribute may be altered by an agreement with a province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act.

(2) Reduced from 69 to 68 as from January 1, 1967.

Changes from Inception of Old Age Pensions

- 7 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament -- Date of Assent March 31, 1927.
- 1 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931, to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records -- Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 7 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over -- Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 2 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 3 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 4 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension - P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 7 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being -
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.

(Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).

1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year -- Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.

1949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada -- Date of Assent March 25, 1949.

1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

1951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada -- Date of Assent May 31, 1951.

1951 The following Acts passed by Parliament--

(a) Old Age Security Act -- Date of Assent December 21, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test. The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repealed the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).

(b) Old Age Assistance Act -- Date of Assent June 30, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the provinces. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old age assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).

- (c) Blind Persons Act -- Date of Assent June 30, 1951.
(This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).
- 61 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 62 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
- 64 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954, under Old Age Security Act.
- 64 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament -- Date of Assent June 26, 1954.
- 65 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.
- 65 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 66 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 67 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month -- Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 67 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.
- 67 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid -- Date of Assent November 7, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years -- Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances -- Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

1959 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.

1960 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely -- Date of Assent July 7, 1960.

1962 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the maximum federal pension from \$55 to \$65 a month -- Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

1963 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from October 1, 1963, the maximum federal pension from \$65 to \$75 a month -- Date of Assent October 16, 1963.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from December 1, 1963, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent December 12, 1963.

- 5 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 - Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
- 5 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, provides for certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be wholly financed and administered by a province with the federal contribution being replaced by a tax abatement and adjustment payments.
- 6 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament -- Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.
- 6 Old Age Assistance Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for old age assistance and to allow the transfer of present recipients of assistance to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.

9. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1967

	Alberta		British Columbia		Manitoba		New Brunswick		Newfoundland		Nova Scotia	
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Act (Federal) operative as from												
Number of recipients.....	3,617	4,074	2,956	3,033	3,110	3,134						
Average monthly payment	\$ cts. 65.62	\$ cts. 72.18	\$ cts. 68.73	\$ cts. 70.06	\$ cts. 71.69	\$ cts. 68.39						
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1966 - March 31, 1967.....	2,092,388.97	2,252,115.48	1,611,858.10	1,620,147.77	1,675,756.04	1,667,067.85						
Act (Federal) operative as from												
	Prince Edward Island		Quebec		Saskatchewan		Northwest Territories		Yukon Territory		Total	
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	13,279	22,817	1,496	120	15	58,363						
Average monthly payment	\$ cts. 67.04	\$ cts. 70.40	\$ cts. 67.62	\$ cts. 72.75	\$ cts. 74.73							
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1966 - March 31, 1967...	7,238,583.95	(1)	1,131,452.23	62,084.57	8,826.35	19,750,744.32 (2)						

Average monthly allowance (Canada) - \$69.25

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements)

Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1966-67.

(2) If payments had been made to Quebec amount would have been increased by \$12,291,268.52 for a total of \$32,042,012.84.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	ALTA.		B. C.		MAN.		N. B.		NFLD.		N. S.		ONT.		P. E. I.		QUE.		SASK.		N. W. T.		Y. T.		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Total	1,413		1,890		1,287		1,271		1,206		1,309		5,276		290		9,369		252		63		7		23,633
Male	689		983		616		589		630		658		2,115		162		3,888		131		40		4		10,505
Female	724		907		671		682		576		651		3,161		128		5,481		121		23		3		13,128
Married	375	374	363	340	330	316	369	326	469	370	386	264	1,020	1,051	106	80	2,547	2,241	76	61	28	12	2	2	6,071 5,437
Single	180	38	325	63	154	60	123	85	72	33	163	70	554	286	39	6	616	639	27	5	3	...	2	...	2,258 1,285
Widower	52	...	82	...	62	...	51	...	80	...	56	...	241	...	11	...	410	...	16	...	7	...	...	...	1,068
Widow	266	...	344	...	244	...	...	224	...	161	...	261	1,486	...	...	...	2,210	...	45	...	...	11	...	1	5,232
Separated	59	33	174	121	62	42	41	39	...	12	43	32	275	278	6	3	315	391	10	10	2	...	...	...	996 481
Divorced	23	13	39	39	8	9	5	8	...	...	10	4	25	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112 133
Age 65	503	578	731	666	254	346	472	599	544	523	512	536	1,362	2,367	115	96	2,932	4,677	96	94	26	13	2	2	7,549 10,509
96	110	87	151	115	196	150	95	44	53	30	43	61	409	425	26	17	560	477	13	24	11	6	2	2	1,689 1,438
57	52	31	67	66	73	115	41	28	22	20	39	37	217	237	14	9	263	222	12	7	2	...	...	...	822 772
68	19	27	34	39	67	52	11	10	10	5	14	15	126	131	6	6	131	99	4	5	1	4	...	...	428 341
69	5	1	...	...	...	8	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	17 13
In cities	242	314	571	531	229	276	40	135	71	106	55	108	1,053	1,739	19	10	1,647	2,724	31	27	...	...	2	...	4,010 4,979
In towns	146	150	54	54	130	145	37	60	122	141	136	184	373	576	2	1	1,307	796	21	32	2	...	...	...	1,608 2,190
In villages	152	133	140	129	130	126	1	...	437	329	334	233	253	360	2	4	1,511	1,832	28	29	...	...	1	3	2,496 3,244
On farms	111	95	64	82	82	72	235	275	...	...	71	96	94	83	62	50	223	129	42	22	...	...	...	...	984 844
Other	32	31	149	141	45	52	224	212	...	...	...	...	336	395	74	54	...	...	9	11	38	23	...	1	907 920
Own homes	351	377	272	371	270	291	377	393	523	423	432	411	761	1,248	117	81	1,508	1,695	86	78	22	10	3	3	4,722 5,381
Rented houses or apts.	101	79	421	315	40	67	73	102	30	...	45	40	384	664	...	...	1,213	1,847	20	21	2	3	...	...	2,337 3,174
Children - relatives	98	148	54	141	66	128	64	123	80	128	81	113	129	707	21	36	233	454	7	10	6	6	...	...	643 2,030
Rented houses	27	27	62	54	140	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	360	...	...	3	752	1,300	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,744 2,343
Public institutions	53	40	50	25	22	12	...	13	6	4	2	25	263	141	...	...	186	186	2	7	2	...	...	...	631 496
Private institutions .....	...	5	14	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	29	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64 52
Other	42	26	...	...	...	56	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	164 132
Number receiving regular annual income -																									
Pensions other than under Old Age Assistance Act.	21		169		31		26		54		177		475		...		1,361		11		1		1		2,488
Annuity of any kind	25		14		11		5		...		...		79		...		176		2		...		...		313
Spouses in receipt of old age security	173		204		190		203		197		...		568		44		1,123		32		2		3		2,731
Number receiving unemployment insurance	3		47		26		114		177		...		278		41		404		6		...		...		1,236

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES

FISCAL YEARS 1955-56 to 1966-67

AGE	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67
Total	25,820	24,423	28,638	32,291	28,628	28,392	26,827	31,677	30,466	31,004	29,624	23,633
65.....	16,129	15,793	17,001	18,939	18,538	17,772	16,639	20,613	20,178	20,880	20,898	18,058
%	62.47	64.67	59.36	58.65	64.75	62.60	62.02	65.07	66.23	67.35	70.54	76.41
66.....	3,494	3,311	4,725	4,892	3,673	3,922	4,161	4,278	3,901	4,004	4,541	3,127
%	13.53	15.56	16.50	15.15	12.83	13.81	15.51	13.51	12.90	12.91	15.33	13.23
67.....	2,691	2,280	3,141	3,840	2,540	2,795	2,618	2,978	2,849	2,708	2,129	1,594
%	10.42	9.34	10.97	11.89	8.87	9.84	9.76	9.40	9.35	8.73	7.19	6.74
68.....	2,109	1,867	2,222	2,845	2,447	2,431	2,093	2,345	2,220	2,003	1,314	819
%	8.17	7.64	7.76	8.81	8.55	8.56	7.80	7.40	7.29	6.46	4.44	3.47
69.....	1,396	1,172	1,544	1,769	1,426	1,468	1,316	1,461	1,318	1,406	741	35
%	5.41	4.79	5.39	5.48	4.98	5.17	4.91	4.61	4.33	4.53	2.50	.15
70.....	1	...	5	b	4	4	...	2	...	3	1	...
%	.004	...	.02	.02	0.1	0.1	...	.01	...	.01	.003	...

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

	ALTA	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Not 65 years of age	53	54	38	35	15	50	167	...	140	38	3	...	593
Unable to prove age .....	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	3	2	1	...	...	13
Too much income	110	90	49	91	68	108	495	12	594	26	...	...	1,643
Not sufficient residence	5	7	...	3	...	...	10	...	23	...	...	...	48
Unable to prove residence .....	...	2	1	...	...	...	8	...	2	...	...	...	13
Transfer of property	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
War veterans allowance .....	...	8	3	15	8	10	37	1	18	1	...	...	101
Blind persons allowance	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Whereabouts unknown	2	18	...	4	...	...	11	...	9	...	...	...	44
Refused information	3	33	16	...	...	...	41	...	15	6	...	...	114
Assistance private source .....	...	4	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6
Over 70 years	1	...	3	2	...	6	...	...	23	1	...	...	36
Old age security .....	...	2	...	...	...	3	3	...	5	...	...	...	13
Disabled persons allowance .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
Other reasons	5	2	...	...	...	...	166	...	...	...	...	...	173
Total	185	223	110	151	91	177	945	16	831	75	3	...	2,807

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

	ALTA	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Withdrawn	51	80	39	41	...	16	145	2	146	70	...	...	590
Applicant deceased	19	14	...	...	...	6	38	...	38	1	1	...	123
Total	70	94	39	47	...	22	183	2	184	71	1	...	713

	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	N.F.L.D.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL
Age 65	31	36	29	22	20	32	138	3	210	10	1	...	532
66	39	49	34	39	24	35	244	7	324	15	1	...	811
67	35	50	32	36	22	35	204	4	277	24	...	...	719
68	38	67	26	29	23	28	184	5	182	21	2	...	605
69	2	...	3	2	9	...	2	5	2	1	...	...	26
Total	145	202	124	128	98	130	772	24	995	71	4	...	2,043
On payout for -													
Less than 1 year	32	72	43	44	21	46	214	10	337	14	2	...	335
1 to 2 years	74	52	31	44	39	38	256	11	505	13	1	...	1,074
2 to 3 years	34	48	32	25	22	22	192	2	138	23	1	...	547
3 to 4 years	5	30	18	15	15	15	110	1	11	10	...	...	250
4 to 5 years .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	4	1	...	...	7
Surviving spouse in receipt of -													
Old age security	19	20	18	19	15	13	59	...	134	4	3	...	304
Old age assistance	25	10	7	13	10	6	71	...	132	9	...	...	283
Business allowance .....	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	5
Disability allowance .....	...	...	...	...	...	2	25	...	6	...	...	...	33
War veterans allowance .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
Mothers allowance .....	...	...	...	...	18	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	21

PROOF OF AGE

	ALTA.	B. C.	MAN.	N. B.	N.F.L.D.	N. S.	ONT.	P. E. I.	QUE.	SASK.	N. W. T.	Y. T.	TOTAL
Age established by -													
Certificate of birth.....	851	1,230	532	415	45	313	3,212	102	395	134	8	1	7,938
Certificate of baptism.....	41	262	233	711	122	637	1,152	176	8,253	32	29	2	12,762
Census records alone.....	40	35	55	5	5	342	217	11	105	3	5	...	833
Old Bible records.....	17	35	1	...	1	1	1	...	3	31	...	...	90
Other records and tribunals.....	364	323	360	140	33	16	694	1	7	52	21	4	2,020
APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY													
	ALTA.	B. C.	MAN.	N. B.	N.F.L.D.	N. S.	ONT.	P. E. I.	QUE.	SASK.	N. W. T.	Y. T.	TOTAL
Single.....	371	636	307	218	117	263	313	65	1,710	50	18	2	4,676
Married couples.....	154	156	157	33	40	94	340	28	734	20	7	3	2,359

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY
SINGLE

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																			
	ALTA.	B. C.	MAN.	N. B.	NFLD.	N. S.	ONT.	P. E. I.	QUE.	SASK.	N. W. T.	Y. T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B. C.	MAN.	N. B.	NFLD.	N. S.	ONT.	P. E. I.	QUE.	SASK.	N. W. T.	Y. T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B. C.	MAN.	N. B.	NFLD.	N. S.	ONT.	P. E. I.	QUE.	SASK.	N. W. T.	Y. T.	TOTAL	
Less than \$500...	13	5	86	16	45	55	38	...	13	4	1	1	277	41	224	15	92	31	55	519	...	1,538	4	2,519	8	3	14	5	9	9	14	4	...	2	...	2	...	70
\$ 500 - 1,000...	25	8	22	26	43	29	48	...	38	9	...	...	248	12	27	2	31	3	18	239	...	237	1	...	...	570	9	3	14	12	23	20	37	10	25	4	...	...	157
1,001 - 2,000...	28	21	5	19	27	25	47	...	47	11	...	...	230	6	23	3	14	4	5	117	...	129	2	...	...	303	32	19	6	33	16	44	11	21	79	11	...	...	372
2,001 - 3,000...	13	14	18	7	8	20	35	...	46	1	1	...	153	6	16	12	3	1	4	51	...	50	2	145	25	26	27	26	8	29	114	4	76	7	1	343
3,001 - 4,000...	9	17	12	4	2	10	21	...	34	...	...	...	109	3	3	8	1	1	3	30	...	17	1	...	...	67	21	42	26	27	4	26	93	...	67	3	...	...	309
4,001 - 5,000...	4	12	9	...	3	2	14	...	27	...	...	...	71	1	3	2	4	...	1	16	...	8	...	...	...	35	9	31	5	14	3	13	95	...	62	1	...	...	233
5,001 - 6,000...	4	7	3	...	5	1	6	...	16	...	...	...	42	...	1	5	...	...	12	...	7	...	...	...	...	25	11	16	13	8	2	3	43	...	72	1	...	...	169
6,001 - 7,000...	3	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	19	...	...	...	33	...	1	...	1	...	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	15	5	17	14	9	3	7	37	...	59	...	...	151	
7,001 - 8,000...	1	1	2	...	3	...	1	...	11	...	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	4	2	3	1	13	...	31	...	...	58		
8,001 - 9,000...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	2	1	...	10	...	33	1	...	...	51	
9,001 - 10,000...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	1	...	2	3	...	...	...	32	
Over 10,000...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	3	...	74	...	...	...	85	

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY
MARRIED COUPLES

	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL																			
	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	ALTA.	B.C.	MAN.	N.B.	NFLD.	N.S.	ONT.	P.E.I.	QUE.	SASK.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	TOTAL	
Less than \$500...	6	4	64	14	64	38	27	...	40	9	...	...	1 264	29	58	19	44	9	26	153	11	1,086	...	...	1	1,436	13	...	9	2	12	9	9	7	...	2	16	...	79
\$ 500 - 1,000...	35	10	21	39	157	53	63	...	89	7	...	...	... 474	24	22	15	11	1	14	67	17	156	1	...	...	328	38	5	21	9	37	35	38	28	35	5	...	...	256
1,001 - 2,000...	...	...	48	19	15	38	107	61	77	...	...	...	... 514	13	15	7	13	1	6	71	23	101	3	...	...	253	75	27	36	71	91	86	151	33	198	16	7	...	791
2,001 - 3,000...	44	21	12	22	46	28	43	...	122	4	...	...	... 342	3	4	17	7	...	1	21	10	34	...	...	...	98	47	55	42	87	68	64	179	20	248	17	1	...	828
3,001 - 4,000...	58	16	8	2	27	15	29	...	84	5 204	...	3	10	2	23	1	14	2	55	61	62	49	79	37	57	185	7	292	9	2	...	840
4,001 - 5,000...	8	10	8	...	19	2	9	...	57	3	...	...	... 116	...	...	7	2	...	...	16	1	3	...	...	...	30	34	84	53	70	28	32	133	...	243	4	...	681	
5,001 - 6,000...	8	4	3	...	11	3	5	...	44	4	...	...	... 82	...	...	1	7	...	...	9	...	4	...	...	...	21	31	54	58	50	17	20	72	...	208	6	...	476	
6,001 - 7,000...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... 40	...	1	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	21	24	22	36	12	17	69	...	153	4	...	358
7,001 - 8,000...	3	1	2	...	8	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	... 29	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	24	5	21	11	3	36	...	116	2	...	226
8,001 - 9,000...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	... 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	7	9	7	14	7	8	21	...	124	1	...	198
9,001 - 10,000...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	... 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95
Over 10,000...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...	... 42	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	10	8	6	11	12	4	29	...	254	...	...	334

Province	1966											1967
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Alberta	\$ 68.60	\$ 68.66	\$ 68.75	\$ 68.81	\$ 68.74	\$ 68.80	\$ 68.66	\$ 68.66	\$ 68.82	\$ 68.86	\$ 65.50	\$ 65.62
British Columbia	71.76	71.85	71.86	71.87	71.98	71.92	71.95	71.90	71.96	72.10	72.15	72.18
Manitoba	69.02	68.93	68.83	68.95	68.91	68.72	68.81	68.68	68.78	68.70	68.64	68.73
New Brunswick	69.87	69.80	69.83	69.82	69.80	69.83	69.92	69.86	69.92	70.02	69.99	70.06
Newfoundland	72.04	71.92	72.00	71.95	71.99	71.84	71.90	71.83	71.84	71.82	71.72	71.69
Nova Scotia	67.87	67.86	67.76	67.78	67.78	67.83	67.92	68.07	68.19	68.16	68.18	68.39
Ontario	67.28	67.27	67.27	67.32	67.33	67.40	67.33	67.36	67.35	67.33	67.35	67.04
Prince Edward Island	70.56	70.67	70.53	70.74	70.81	70.50	70.47	70.54	70.55	70.49	70.28	70.35
Quebec	70.03	70.01	69.99	70.05	70.03	70.06	70.07	70.07	70.10	70.30	70.36	70.40
Saskatchewan	69.03	68.97	68.10	67.99	67.91	68.08	68.06	68.04	67.99	67.86	67.86	67.72
Northwest Territories	73.69	73.50	73.52	73.51	73.58	72.98	72.94	72.36	73.24	72.79	72.91	72.75
Yukon Territory	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	74.68	74.73	74.73

11. Transfers to Old Age Security Fiscal Years 1955-56 to 1966-67

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1955-1956.....	1,345	2,021	1,196	1,107	1,064	1,220	5,487	148	7,120	1,197	20	6	21,931
1956-1957.....	1,345	2,018	1,137	1,391	1,041	1,300	5,624	160	7,320	1,258	18	4	22,616
1957-1958.....	1,376	1,877	1,165	1,200	1,024	1,231	5,548	144	7,394	1,265	26	6	22,256
1958-1959.....	1,420	1,965	1,185	1,368	1,082	1,220	5,281	165	7,341	1,358	29	10	22,424
1959-1960.....	1,498	1,900	1,179	1,310	1,048	1,199	5,527	174	7,454	1,398	23	9	22,719
1960-1961.....	1,441	1,844	1,185	1,230	1,055	1,206	5,401	176	7,284	1,354	28	14	22,218
1961-1962.....	1,460	1,877	1,209	1,295	1,151	1,302	5,558	180	7,815	1,432	34	10	23,323
1962-1963.....	1,542	1,847	1,162	1,258	1,118	1,332	5,738	186	7,841	1,415	28	14	23,481
1963-1964.....	1,486	1,792	1,302	1,301	1,141	1,303	5,749	259	8,041	1,421	32	15	23,842
1964-1965.....	1,541	1,771	1,249	1,315	1,090	1,302	5,870	241	8,520	1,400	28	11	24,338
1965-1966.....	3,039	3,137	2,486	2,365	2,244	2,534	11,670	532	16,887	2,736	65	12	47,707
1966-1967.....	3,009	3,025	2,344	2,377	2,133	2,406	10,746	527	17,446	2,004	69	17	46,103
Total	20,502	25,074	16,799	17,517	15,191	17,555	78,199	2,892	110,463	18,238	400	128	322,958(1)

(1) Total transfer 1951-52 to 1954-55 were 53, 209

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	...	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	...	...	41,601
1952-53.....	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	...	87,675
1953-54.....	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	4,584	64	64	4	93,273
1954-55.....	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
1955-56.....	5,321	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
1956-57.....	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	89,907
1957-58.....	5,715	6,906	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	92,484
1958-59.....	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
1959-60.....	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,632	5,377	5,477	22,544	750	34,312	5,726	128	52	98,773
1960-61.....	6,584	7,322	5,098	5,535	5,342	5,395	22,736	801	35,441	5,727	135	48	100,184
1961-62.....	6,494	7,189	5,082	5,421	5,184	5,248	22,868	897	34,615	5,760	140	46	98,944
1962-63.....	6,479	7,039	5,448	5,491	5,187	5,421	23,925	1,039	37,086	5,866	144	34	103,152
1963-64.....	6,644	6,864	5,436	5,447	5,081	5,509	25,197	1,130	38,206	5,549	147	31	105,241
1964-65.....	6,810	6,929	5,520	5,356	5,088	5,574	26,049	1,229	39,239	5,463	166	31	107,354
1965-66.....	5,453	5,478	4,241	4,200	4,080	4,423	19,991	988	31,971	3,775	133	26	84,959
1966-67.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
April 1966.....	5,418	5,515	4,241	4,162	4,096	4,410	19,962	980	31,942	3,956	138	24	84,844
May.....	5,427	5,542	4,234	4,154	4,100	4,410	19,892	978	31,839	3,895	144	22	84,837
June.....	5,440	5,552	4,221	4,137	4,121	4,449	19,832	989	31,809	3,384	146	23	84,103
July.....	5,394	5,562	4,197	4,113	4,118	4,455	19,684	998	31,740	3,214	145	21	83,641
August.....	5,380	5,583	4,205	4,108	4,130	4,452	19,522	994	31,693	3,101	152	21	83,341
September.....	5,349	5,569	4,210	4,106	4,160	4,425	19,374	1,002	31,708	2,890	155	23	83,086
October.....	5,284	5,588	4,151	4,089	4,130	4,407	19,235	1,000	31,660	2,800	152	21	82,607
November.....	5,283	5,567	4,130	4,085	4,134	4,402	19,126	1,002	31,564	2,791	154	20	82,268
December.....	3,800	5,574	4,112	4,107	4,093	4,370	19,029	999	31,512	2,865	154	14	80,454
January 1967.....	3,764	4,061	2,437	3,009	3,008	3,129	13,460	695	22,989	1,700	113	13	58,978
February.....	3,677	4,090	2,426	3,014	3,114	3,140	13,406	704	22,963	1,595	120	15	58,766
March.....	3,617	4,074	2,456	3,033	3,110	3,134	13,279	712	22,817	1,496	120	14	58,363

13. Number and Percentage of Recipients as at March 31, 1967, receiving Maximum and Reduced Assistance Payments

Province	\$75	\$70-74.99	\$65-64.99	\$60-64.99	\$55-59.99	\$50-54.99	\$45-49.99	\$40-44.99	\$35-39.99	\$30-34.99	\$25-29.99	\$20-24.99	\$15-19.99	\$10-14.99	\$5-9.99	Less than \$5	Total
Alta. No.	2,446	109	105	196	147	91	69	59	50	55	49	41	50	30	22	98	3,617
..... %	67.63	3.01	2.90	5.42	4.06	2.52	1.91	1.63	1.38	1.52	1.35	1.13	1.38	.83	.61	2.71	
B.C. No.	3,569	93	65	58	50	49	42	31	22	28	19	16	5	12	10	5	4,074
..... %	87.60	2.28	1.60	1.42	1.22	1.20	1.03	.76	.54	.70	.47	.39	.12	.30	.25	.12	
Man. No.	2,340	76	67	52	53	53	45	38	25	36	24	18	94	14	14	7	2,956
..... %	79.16	2.56	2.26	1.74	1.85	1.85	1.53	1.25	.84	1.23	.83	.66	3.26	.44	.44	.23	
N.B. No.	2,394	121	68	84	61	53	53	37	30	30	28	23	17	19	13	2	3,033
..... %	78.93	3.99	2.24	2.77	2.01	1.75	1.75	1.22	.99	.99	.92	.76	.56	.63	.43	.06	
Nfld. No.	2,692	69	59	33	52	33	27	29	17	20	28	17	9	12	11	2	3,110
..... %	86.56	2.22	1.89	1.06	1.67	1.06	.87	.93	.55	.64	.90	.55	.29	.39	.35	.06	
N.S. No.	2,247	131	138	100	102	57	72	55	51	49	28	32	22	32	11	7	3,134
..... %	71.70	4.19	4.41	3.19	3.25	1.82	2.29	1.76	1.63	1.56	.89	1.02	.70	1.02	.35	.22	
Ont. No.	10,069	451	309	289	231	242	192	183	143	163	133	116	80	526	77	75	13,279
..... %	75.83	3.41	2.34	2.19	1.75	1.83	1.45	1.38	1.08	1.23	1.01	.88	.61	3.98	.58	.57	
P.E.I. No.	564	8	28	24	14	26	10	11	10	8	2	2	2	1	2	...	712
..... %	79.21	1.12	3.93	3.37	1.97	3.65	1.40	1.54	1.40	1.12	.28	.28	.28	.14	.28	...	
Que. No.	18,631	581	580	467	431	428	273	278	249	247	189	138	118	125	74	12	22,817
..... %	81.65	2.55	2.54	2.05	1.89	1.88	1.20	1.20	1.09	1.08	.83	.61	.52	.55	.32	.05	
Sask. No.	1,125	59	44	35	31	21	24	19	17	19	10	22	8	7	52	3	1,496
..... %	75.20	3.94	2.94	2.34	2.07	1.40	1.60	1.27	1.14	1.27	.67	1.47	.54	.47	3.48	.20	
N.W.T. No.	112	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	120
..... %	93.33	...	.83	...	.83	...	.83	.83	1.67	.83	...	...	...	.83	...	...
Y.T. No.	14	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
..... %	93.33	6.67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total No.	46,203	1,699	1,464	1,338	1,173	1,053	808	737	616	656	510	425	405	779	286	211	58,363
..... %	79.16	2.92	2.51	2.30	2.01	1.81	1.39	1.26	1.06	1.13	.88	.73	.70	1.34	.49	.36	

Fiscal Year	Alberta	Columbia	Manitoba	Brunswick	Newfoundland	Scotia	Ontario	Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Territory	Total
1951-52.....	\$ 144,051.36	262,668.27	106,689.51	165,637.96	...	95,673.45	\$ 672,512.10	\$ 6,532.45	\$ 690,081.24	\$ 133,362.55	...	\$ 2,277,238.49
1952-53.....	967,948.46	1,701,854.47	1,036,021.86	1,113,921.31	833,898.50	893,059.70	4,586,572.90	66,313.41	6,927,593.20	947,396.30	...	19,128,837.37
1953-54.....	1,07,190.01	1,863,051.68	1,112,322.18	1,248,339.19	896,426.59	1,028,756.25	4,726,152.91	85,985.94	7,187,595.43	1,017,535.28	14,251.14	880,000,20,288,152.00
1954-55.....	1,165,331.91	1,872,909.14	1,119,638.96	1,288,095.23	898,972.70	1,063,165.10	4,858,692.93	98,531.00	7,392,222.60	1,089,704.15	18,941.89	2,220,480,20,869,126.00
1955-56.....	1,240,451.61	1,788,308.64	1,111,603.66	1,303,188.68	877,212.91	1,046,327.35	4,918,977.94	99,659.66	7,357,373.30	1,150,402.27	21,000.19	3,080,000,20,819,186.11
1956-57.....	1,220,050.48	1,669,790.16	1,065,848.06	1,276,064.34	1,016,721.40	1,026,319.49	4,677,967.96	98,220.39	7,159,030.50	1,159,832.81	22,019.33	6,640,000,20,349,104.92
1957-58.....	1,538,750.51	1,979,058.25	1,297,115.27	1,559,905.44	1,298,769.97	1,318,054.57	5,650,280.73	142,257.55	8,702,892.76	1,435,187.62	29,384.56	9,726,000,24,961,383.23
1958-59.....	1,877,243.00	2,291,661.95	1,572,889.81	1,829,265.76	1,715,386.07	1,611,693.19	6,707,318.27	191,758.72	10,593,250.32	1,763,548.80	39,989.07	13,279,500,30,207,548.06
1959-60.....	1,955,162.45	2,553,754.69	1,580,918.16	1,788,776.68	1,736,290.55	1,619,202.85	6,608,442.92	204,795.00	10,688,151.37	1,757,262.44	40,266.95	14,524,000,30,347,548.06
1960-61.....	2,008,762.99	2,521,821.36	1,600,649.64	1,746,572.42	1,707,883.27	1,608,128.71	6,629,557.24	216,869.72	10,977,063.79	1,769,692.94	43,482.47	15,956,000,30,810,585.16
1961-62.....	2,009,955.96	2,285,927.11	1,652,229.47	1,760,484.31	1,672,509.98	1,569,548.48	6,903,050.92	248,608.10	10,896,301.71	1,761,660.79	46,021.33	15,507,000,30,810,585.16
1962-63.....	2,523,720.34	2,675,207.48	2,001,605.67	2,065,949.65	1,987,213.55	2,007,871.08	8,458,292.98	375,349.56	13,793,745.27	2,220,559.45	54,274.76	15,287,000,38,179,056.59
1963-64.....	2,559,785.40	2,781,892.45	2,105,939.67	2,121,387.79	1,945,020.54	2,084,088.41	9,134,697.50	394,947.07	16,860,075.19	2,151,490.09	56,743.04	113,500,39,208,181.11
1964-65.....	2,901,038.56	2,991,012.72	2,329,362.48	2,303,178.77	2,220,907.85	2,302,088.91	10,465,257.22	508,587.30	17,589,045.32	2,294,104.64	71,721.00	13,880,000,44,990,993.11
1965-66.....	2,795,633.33	2,836,336.10	2,188,141.38	2,161,779.05	2,121,068.34	2,188,256.57	10,006,000.88	498,378.08	...	...	...	2,097,941.77
1966-67.....	192,917.54	200,199.60	148,231.00	147,043.30	148,327.29	150,152.39	672,459.35	35,354.54	...	142,024.32	5,047.06	900.00
April 1966.....	192,917.54	200,199.60	148,231.00	147,043.30	148,327.29	150,152.39	672,459.35	35,354.54	...	142,024.32	5,047.06	900.00
May.....	192,917.54	200,199.60	148,231.00	147,043.30	148,327.29	150,152.39	672,459.35	35,354.54	...	142,024.32	5,047.06	900.00
June.....	192,917.54	200,199.60	148,231.00	147,043.30	148,327.29	150,152.39	672,459.35	35,354.54	...	142,024.32	5,047.06	900.00
July.....	192,917.54	200,199.60	148,231.00	147,043.30	148,327.29	150,152.39	672,459.35	35,354.54	...	142,024.32	5,047.06	900.00
August.....	192,917.54	200,199.60	148,231.00	147,043.30	148,327.29	150,152.39	672,459.35	35,354.54	...	142,024.32	5,047.06	900.00
September.....	189,895.26	202,117.20	145,237.97	144,535.22	151,940.95	151,032.53	645,260.48	35,340.19	...	104,175.37	5,794.56	787.50
October.....	189,895.26	202,117.20	145,237.97	144,535.22	151,940.95	151,032.53	645,260.48	35,340.19	...	104,175.37	5,794.56	787.50
November.....	189,895.26	202,117.20	145,237.97	144,535.22	151,940.95	151,032.53	645,260.48	35,340.19	...	104,175.37	5,794.56	787.50
December.....	189,895.26	202,117.20	145,237.97	144,535.22	151,940.95	151,032.53	645,260.48	35,340.19	...	104,175.37	5,794.56	787.50
January 1967.....	136,003.98	147,820.93	102,175.97	106,416.72	117,756.62	147,278.45	638,260.83	35,210.50	...	98,375.43	5,730.73	750.00
February.....	136,003.98	147,820.93	102,175.97	106,416.72	117,756.62	147,278.45	638,260.83	35,210.50	...	98,375.43	5,730.73	750.00
March.....	125,056.16	147,971.42	100,437.37	107,725.33	111,312.36	107,449.53	482,933.22	24,925.80	...	44,854.62	4,477.23	560.45
Total.....	2,111,863.37	2,257,480.76	1,618,936.45	1,626,075.44	1,679,889.96	1,677,838.08	7,252,173.73	391,074.44	{1}	1,142,311.32	2,945.07	8,943.85
Deduct -												
Amounts recovered												
account of												
overpayments	38,948.79	10,730.55	14,156.70	11,855.34	8,267.84	21,540.46	27,179.55	1,222.85		21,130.18	1,021.00	35.00
Amounts reimbursed												
overpayments as a result												
of overpayments	18,474.39	5,365.27	7,078.35	5,927.67	4,133.92	10,770.23	13,589.77	611.42		10,565.09	510.50	17.50
Total 1966-67.....	2,092,388.97	2,252,115.48	1,611,858.10	1,620,147.77	1,675,756.04	1,667,067.85	7,238,583.95	390,463.01	{1}	1,131,452.23	62,084.57	8,826.35
(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interin Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1966-67.												
(2) If payments had been made to Quebec, amount would have been increased by \$12,291,268.52 for a total of \$32,042,012.84.												

15. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities -- Ordinary Life Plan
Monthly Annuity Purchasable with \$1000 at Certain Ages

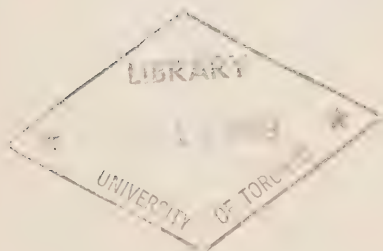
	Age	Monthly Annuity for \$1000	
		Male	Female
Born 1941-1950.....	21	3.72	3.63
	25	3.80	3.70
	30	3.92	3.79
1931-1940.....	23	3.78	3.68
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
	40	4.32	4.10
1921-1930.....	33	4.08	3.91
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
	45	4.66	4.35
	50	5.02	4.63
1911-1920.....	43	4.61	4.30
	45	4.74	4.40
	50	5.12	4.69
	55	6.37	5.84
	60	6.99	6.36
1901-1910.....	53	5.52	4.98
	55	6.51	5.92
	60	7.16	6.46
	65	8.07	7.24
	70	9.40	8.38
1891-1900.....	63	7.89	7.03
	65	8.31	7.39
	70	9.68	8.56
	75	11.76	10.35
	80	15.02	13.21
1890 and before.....	73	11.15	9.76
	75	12.09	10.58
	80	15.31	13.42
	85	20.45	18.08

Note: These are the rates in effect since April 1, 1964. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.

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**REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
IN CANADA**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 1968



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, CANADA

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Under the Provisions of the
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT
Chapter 199, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952
as amended by

- 5—6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)
- 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 6 (1957-58)
- 10—11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1962)
- 12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)
- 14—15 Elizabeth II, Chapter 45 (1966)

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To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1968, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John C. Munro
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Respectfully submitted.

Joseph W. Willard
Deputy Minister of National Welfare.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year 1967-68

I. Operations During the Fiscal Year

The Old Age Assistance Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 50 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for assistance to persons who have attained the age of 65 years but who are not yet eligible for Old Age Security. The provinces pay assistance to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Old Age Security Act was amended in 1965 to lower the age of eligibility by one year on January 1st of each year from 1966 to 1970, both inclusive. Thus, the age of eligibility for Old Age Security was reduced to 67 years on January 1, 1968 with a consequent reduction in the Old Age Assistance caseload. There will be a further reduction in number of recipients on January 1, 1969, when the age of eligibility will be reduced to 66 years. The program will be phased out by January, 1970, except for persons 65 years of age or over who will be ineligible for old age security, not having had the required one year's residence in Canada prior to approval of application for old age security.

Federal expenditures under the Old Age Assistance Act were reduced by the discontinuance of payments to Quebec in accordance with a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid to Quebec under the Old Age Assistance Act are received by the province through a tax abatement. The program continues to be administered, however, in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

Under an amendment to the Old Age Assistance Act enacted in July 1966, provinces that have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for Old Age Assistance and may assist this group under programs for which contributions are made through the Plan. They may also transfer current recipients of Old Age Assistance to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits. Both of these steps were taken by Saskatchewan on April 1, 1966, by Ontario and Prince Edward Island on April 1, 1967, and by Newfoundland on January 1, 1968. Alberta discontinued acceptance of applications on January 1, 1968. However, persons then in receipt of old age assistance continued to receive payments under that Act.

For 1967-68, federal payments under the Old Age Assistance Act to nine provinces and the two territories amounted to \$8,950,507.42. If payments to Quebec had continued during 1967-68, the amount payable to that province would have been \$8,401,863.71 and the total for Canada would have been \$17,352,371.13. As at March 31, 1968, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 24,922.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 9 to 12 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act during the fiscal year 1967-68. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows —

Period	Maximum monthly assistance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40	65	20	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	65	20	840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	\$55	65	10	960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	\$65	65	10	1,140 (unmarried) 1,980 (married) 2,340 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	\$75	65	10	1,260 (unmarried) 2,220 (married) 2,580 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories in accordance with the provisions of the Old Age Assistance Act were not amended during 1967-68. The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act did not alter the operation of the old age assistance program in the province except as to the manner in which the program is financed.

4. Administration — Federal

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Welfare Assistance and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of assistance payments. The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

5. Administration — Provincial

Old Age Assistance is paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

Provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1968 —

ALBERTA —

Department — Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister — Honourable A.J. Hooke, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister — D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority — The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer — K.T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA —

Department — Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister — Honourable D.R.J. Campbell, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister — E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority — Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer — E.W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA —

Department — Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister — Honourable J.B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister — K.O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority — The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer — L.D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK —

Department — Department of Health and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister — Honourable L. Norbert Thériault, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister — J.G. Leblanc, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority — Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer — J.L. Arsenault, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND —

Department — Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister — Honourable H.V.R. Earle, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister — R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority — The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer — R.W. Moore, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Department — Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister — Honourable James M. Harding, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister — F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority — Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer — H.S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO—

Department — Department of Social and Family Services, Toronto.

Minister — Honourable John Yaremko, Minister of Social and Family Services.

Deputy Minister — J.S. Band, Deputy Minister of Social and Family Services.

Provincial Authority — Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer — W.S. Groom, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Department — Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister — Honourable Lorne Bonnell, M.D., C.M., Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister — W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority — Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer — Miss Hazel Miller, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC—

Department — Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister — Honourable Jean-Paul Cloutier, Minister of Health and Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister — Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority — Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer — Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN—

Department — Department of Welfare, Regina.

Minister — Honourable Cy MacDonald, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister — A.W. Sihvon, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority — Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer — Mrs. D.I. Zarski, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—

Commissioner — S.M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority — F.J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY—

Commissioner — James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority — C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

The Old Age Assistance Regulations were amended during 1967-68 to permit provinces by agreement, to exclude in the calculation of income the two per cent increase in benefit under the Old Age Security Act which became effective January 1, 1968.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulation did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 2 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. Comparison with Related Acts

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were on March 31, 1968.

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance ⁽¹⁾	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances ⁽¹⁾	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	67 years ⁽²⁾	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years preceding approval or 40 years after age 18	10 years preceding commencement	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$76.50 a month	\$75 a month	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married - blind spouse	\$1,500 - unmarried 1,980 - unmarried - dependent child 2,580 - married - blind spouse 2,700 - married - blind spouse	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanatoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, disability or war veterans allowance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allowance, old age security or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may specify maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allowance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be continuous if pensioner has 25 years residence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

(1) The manner in which the Government of Canada will contribute may be altered by an agreement with a province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act.

(2) Reduced from 68 to 67 as from January 1, 1968.

8. Changes from Inception of Old Age Pensions

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament — Date of Assent March 31, 1927.
- 1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931 to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records — Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over — Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act- P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension-P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being:
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- (Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year — Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 1949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada — Date of Assent March 25, 1949.

- 950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.
- 951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada – Date of Assent May 31, 1951.
- 951 The following Acts passed by Parliament –
- (a) Old Age Security Act – Date of Assent December 21, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test. The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repealed the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).
 - (b) Old Age Assistance Act – Date of Assent June 30, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the provinces. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old age assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).
 - (c) Blind Persons Act – Date of Assent June 30, 1951. (This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).
- 951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
- 954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954, under Old Age Security Act.
- 954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament – Date of Assent June 26, 1954.

1955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.

1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent June 28, 1955.

1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.

1957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month — Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

1957 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.

1957 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid — Date of Assent November 7, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years — Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances — Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

1959 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.

1960 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely — Date of Assent July 7, 1960.

962 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the maximum federal pension from \$55 to \$65 a month — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

963 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from October 1, 1963, the maximum federal pension from \$65 to \$75 a month — Date of Assent October 16, 1963.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from December 1, 1963, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent December 12, 1963.

965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 — Date of Assent April 3, 1965.

965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, provides for certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be wholly financed and administered by a province with the federal contribution being replaced by a tax abatement and adjustment payments.

966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament — Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.

966 Old Age Assistance Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for old age assistance and to allow the transfer of present recipients of assistance to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.

9. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1968

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	1,710 cts. \$	2,377 cts. \$	1,647 cts. \$	1,957 cts. \$	844 cts. \$	1,879 cts. \$
Average monthly payment	66.08	70.54	67.49	71.27	66.24	66.20
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1967 - March 31, 1968	1,256,490.84	1,520,673.84	1,038,974.96	1,139,781.17	985,355.83	1,089,056.49

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	1,340 cts. \$	206 cts. \$	12,839 cts. \$	39 cts. \$	75 cts. \$	9 cts. \$	24,922
Average monthly payment	59.47	70.60	69.78	58.53	73.09	74.55	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1967 - March 31, 1968	1,366,431.69	205,734.54	(1)	295,864.68	46,417.98	5,725.40	8,950,507.42(2)

operative as from

Average monthly allowance (Canada) - \$68.41

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1967-68.

(2) If payments had been made to Quebec amount would have been increased by \$8,401,863.71 for a total of \$17,352,371.13

(3) During the fiscal year certain provinces ceased accepting applications for assistance and transferred some of their recipients to other provincial programs. This accounts for the reduction in federal contributions and number of recipients.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	ALTA.		B.C.		MAN.		N.B.		NFLD.		N.S.		QUE.		N.W.T.		Y.T.		TOTAL
Total	1,169	1,552	1,073	1,271	726	1,215	7,425	43	7	14,481									
Male	539	795	497	621	377	586	3,007	21	5	6,448									
Female	630	757	576	650	349	629	4,418	22	2	8,033									
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Married.....	274	300	317	272	296	252	394	324	298	235	317	259	1,990	1,751	14	8	3	1	3,903
Single.....	181	66	243	44	96	42	115	74	37	22	148	76	451	563	...	...	...	...	3,402
Widower.....	55	...	54	...	40	...	59	...	38	...	69	...	328	...	4	...	...	...	1,272
Widow.....	...	240	...	330	...	234	...	205	...	85	...	240	...	1,760	...	...	...	...	887
Separated.....	19	16	143	87	57	39	44	42	4	7	46	51	238	344	3	1	...	...	3,108
Divorced.....	10	8	38	24	8	9	9	5	...	...	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Age 65.....	309	400	621	621	379	488	526	586	324	327	460	558	2,474	4,011	20	20	2	...	5,115
66.....	169	181	120	110	83	65	72	49	45	14	89	56	391	315	1	2	3	...	973
67.....	57	47	54	26	35	23	22	14	8	...	36	15	140	87	...	...	...	...	720
68.....	4	2	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	8
In cities.....	209	295	475	429	171	222	103	139	27	34	56	90	1,245	2,321	...	...	...	...	2,289
In towns.....	152	163	40	41	93	112	52	66	78	74	163	156	346	521	...	...	...	...	3,531
In villages.....	63	71	101	110	104	130	63	80	272	241	317	322	1,299	1,501	4	3	1	...	929
On farms.....	97	78	69	47	70	59	208	183	...	...	50	61	117	75	...	...	...	...	1,136
Other.....	18	23	110	130	59	53	195	182	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	19	1	...	2,455
Own homes.....	262	341	234	336	217	263	408	364	330	251	366	377	1,237	1,340	4	1	1	...	611
Rented houses or apts.....	81	111	363	250	32	34	71	114	6	9	40	55	900	1,590	1	1	...	...	503
Children - relatives.....	68	104	50	122	28	104	65	106	39	88	77	124	314	816	12	19	1	...	399
Rented rooms.....	50	14	96	32	118	103	2	6	...	...	71	49	391	515	...	...	...	...	1,484
Public institutions.....	44	30	44	12	25	20	19	20	2	...	26	12	165	157	1	...	...	...	729
Private institutions.....	3	1	8	5	8	2	8	8	...	1	6	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	719
Other.....	31	29	...	...	69	50	48	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	326
Number receiving regular annual income.....																			251
Pensions other than under Old Age Assistance Act.....	14	123		42	62				65		144		363						813
Annuity of any kind.....	...	14		5	22				12		...		153						210
Spouses in receipt of old age security.....	104	197		207	179				146		158		743		8				1,742
Number receiving unemployment insurance.....		50		114	49				89				258		1				561

(1) The provinces of Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan ceased accepting applications for assistance on or prior to April 1, 1967.

(2) The provinces of Alberta and Newfoundland ceased accepting applications for assistance effective January 1, 1968.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES FISCAL YEARS 1956-57 TO 1967-68

Age	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68
Total	24,423	28,638	32,291	28,628	28,392	26,827	31,677	30,466	31,004	29,624	23,633	14,481
65 %	15,793	17,001	18,939	18,538	17,772	16,639	20,613	20,178	20,880	20,898	18,058	12,126
	64.67	59.36	58.65	64.75	62.60	62.02	65.07	66.23	67.35	70.54	76.41	83.42
66 %	3,311	4,725	4,892	3,673	3,922	4,161	4,278	3,901	4,004	4,541	3,127	1,767
	13.56	16.50	15.15	12.83	13.81	15.51	13.51	12.91	12.91	15.33	13.23	12.42
67 %	2,280	3,141	3,840	2,540	2,795	2,618	2,978	2,849	2,708	2,129	1,594	572
	9.34	10.97	11.89	8.87	9.84	9.76	9.40	9.35	8.73	7.19	6.74	4.04
68 %	1,867	2,222	2,845	2,447	2,431	2,093	2,345	2,220	2,003	1,314	819	16
	7.64	7.76	8.81	8.55	8.56	7.80	7.40	7.29	6.46	4.44	3.47	.10
69 %	1,172	1,544	1,769	1,426	1,468	1,316	1,461	1,318	1,406	741	35	...
	4.79	5.39	5.48	4.98	5.17	4.91	4.61	4.33	4.53	2.50	.15	...
70 %	...	5	6	4	4	...	2	...	3	1	...	...
	...	.02	.02	0.1	0.1	...	.01	...	.01	.003	...	...

APPLICATIONS DECLINED OR NOT COMPLETED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Que.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Not 65 years of age	50	52	48	28	11	49	66	3	2	309
Unable to prove age . . . . .	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Too much income	111	94	58	119	31	163	551	1	1	1,129
Not sufficient residence	3	6	2	4	...	...	58	...	...	73
Unable to prove residence . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transfer of property . . . . .	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	5
War veterans allowance	2	10	4	11	...	4	9	...	...	40
Blind persons allowance . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whereabouts unknown . . . . .	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Refused Information	1	35	18	2	...	...	17	...	...	73
Assistance from private source . . . . .	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	4
Over 70 years of age	4	1	...	12	...	10	20	...	...	47
Old age security . . . . .	...	2	2	1	...	1	5	...	...	11
Disabled persons allowance . . . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Withdrawn	45	91	55	41	...	26	165	...	2	425
Applicant deceased	8	22	4	8	...	2	33	...	...	77
Other reasons . . . . .	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2

	OWNERSHIP BY PROFESSION										REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL									
											REAL					PERSONAL																								
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Que.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Que.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Que.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total										
Less than \$1,000	147	22	45	64	179	126	1,662	...	1	2,246	38,263	152	154	29	100	433	...	...	...	1,169	502	666	394	291	119	387	2,583	40	64,988								
\$1,001 - 2,000	79	40	32	75	113	70	158	...	...	567	5	24	26	34	3	24	231	...	...	347	19	47	65	135	64	125	344	3	806							
2,001 - 3,000	107	33	12	23	38	59	60	...	...	332	6	11	17	16	1	13	130	...	...	194	33	72	80	123	48	112	292	...	760							
3,001 - 4,000	75	33	14	8	10	16	32	...	...	188	7	5	4	8	1	4	73	...	...	102	23	94	72	30	28	59	270	...	626							
4,001 - 5,000	21	12	7	1	17	5	22	...	...	85	2	3	5	1	...	3	51	...	...	65	18	63	45	84	24	38	219	...	511							
5,001 - 6,000	21	12	...	...	3	1	12	...	...	49	4	3	3	1	...	...	41	...	...	52	21	44	24	54	19	25	194	...	331			
6,001 - 7,000	5	7	1	1	2	1	7	...	...	24	1	2	2	1	...	...	31	...	...	37	8	24	12	37	10	13	133	...	237					
7,001 - 8,000	10	1	1	1	2	2	1	...	...	17	1	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	24	11	15	24	39	1	7	87	...	175		
8,001 - 9,000	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	10	...	16	18	16	3	7	86	...	140
9,001 - 10,000	1	4	11	11	2	3	41	...	78										
Over 10,000	...	1	...	...	2	...	3	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	...	24	4	11	7	15	5	14	158	...	214

11. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Fiscal Year	REAL										PERSONAL										REAL AND PERSONAL										
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Que.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Que.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Que.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total	
1951-52	2,954	4,134	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	5,037	3,237	1,239	4,400	4,838	4,847	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927
1952-53	4,688	7,685	6,906	4,747	5,119	5,219	5,037	3,237	1,239	4,400	4,838	4,847	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927
1953-54	5,014	8,144	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,124	3,756	1,498	4,998	5,098	5,082	4,998	5,682	5,378	5,184	22,544	750	34,317	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726
1954-55	5,341	7,868	7,391	4,736	5,795	5,378	5,124	3,756	1,498	4,998	5,098	5,082	4,998	5,682	5,378	5,184	22,544	750	34,317	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726
1955-56	5,521	7,441	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	5,037	3,237	1,239	4,400	4,838	4,847	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927
1956-57	5,400	7,029	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	5,037	3,237	1,239	4,400	4,838	4,847	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927
1957-58	5,715	6,906	6,906	4,747	5,119	5,219	5,037	3,237	1,239	4,400	4,838	4,847	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927	4,927
1958-59	6,096	7,276	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,124	3,756	1,498	4,998	5,098	5,082	4,998	5,682	5,378	5,184	22,544	750	34,317	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726
1959-60	6,336	7,391	7,391	4,736	5,795	5,378	5,124	3,756	1,498	4,998	5,098	5,082	4,998	5,682	5,378	5,184	22,544	750	34,317	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726
1960-61	6,584	7,322	7,322	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,124	3,756	1,498	4,998	5,098	5,082	4,998	5,682	5,378	5,184	22,544	750	34,317	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726
1961-62	6,494	7,189	7,189	4,736	5,795	5,378	5,124	3,756	1,498	4,998	5,098	5,082	4,998	5,682	5,378	5,184	22,544	750	34,317	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726
1962-63	6,479	7,039	7,039	4,736	5,795	5,378	5,124	3,756	1,498	4,998	5,098	5,082	4,998	5,682	5,378	5,184	22,544	750	34,317	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726
1963-64	6,644	6,864	6,864	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,124	3,756	1,498	4,998	5,098	5,082	4,998	5,682	5,378	5,184	22,544	750	34,317	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726
1964-65	6,810	6,829	6,829	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,124	3,756	1,498	4,998	5,098	5,082	4,998	5,682	5,378	5,184	22,544	750	34,317	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726	5,726
1965-66	5,453	5,478	5,478	4,241	4,200	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	4,080	
1966-67	3,617	4,074	4,074	2,956	3,033	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	3,110	
1967-68	1,710	2,377	2,377	1,647	1,957	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844

12. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act.

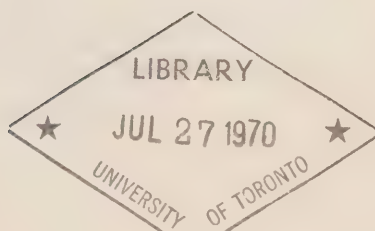
Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	\$ 144,051.36	\$ 262,668.27	\$ 106,680.51	\$ 165,637.56	\$ 833,898.50	\$ 95,673.45	\$ 672,512.10	\$ 6,532.45	\$ 680,081.24	\$ 133,392.55	\$	\$	\$ 2,277,238.49
1952-53	967,948.46	1,701,854.47	1,036,021.86	1,113,921.31	896,428.59	893,059.70	4,586,572.90	66,313.41	6,927,953.20	997,396.06	...	...	19,128,837.37
1953-54	1,107,190.01	1,863,051.91	1,243,339.19	1,248,339.19	896,428.59	1,078,756.25	4,726,152.91	85,985.94	7,187,259.43	1,017,535.28	4,251.50	880.00	20,288,152.60
1954-55	1,165,331.91	1,872,908.14	1,119,638.96	1,268,095.23	898,972.70	1,063,165.10	4,858,692.93	98,531.00	7,392,922.60	1,089,704.15	18,941.89	2,220.48	20,869,126.09
1955-56	1,240,451.68	1,788,308.64	1,111,603.66	1,303,188.68	877,212.91	1,046,927.35	4,918,977.94	99,659.66	7,357,373.13	1,150,402.27	21,000.19	3,080.00	20,918,186.11
1956-57	1,669,790.16	1,669,790.16	1,065,848.06	1,276,064.34	1,016,721.40	1,026,319.49	4,677,967.96	98,220.39	7,159,030.50	1,158,832.81	22,619.33	6,640.00	20,991,104.92
1957-58	1,539,750.51	1,979,048.25	1,297,115.27	1,559,905.44	1,298,769.97	1,318,054.57	5,650,280.73	142,255.75	8,702,892.76	1,438,187.62	29,384.56	9,726.00	24,961,383.23
1958-59	1,877,243.00	2,291,661.65	1,572,889.81	1,823,265.76	1,715,386.07	1,611,693.19	6,707,318.27	191,758.72	10,593,250.32	1,763,548.80	39,989.07	13,279.50	30,207,284.36
1959-60	1,955,162.45	2,353,754.69	1,580,918.16	1,788,776.68	1,736,280.56	1,619,202.85	6,608,442.92	204,795.00	10,688,151.37	1,751,262.44	40,266.95	14,524.00	30,347,548.06
1960-61	2,008,762.99	2,332,521.36	1,600,649.64	1,746,572.42	1,707,883.27	1,608,128.71	6,629,557.24	216,959.72	10,977,063.79	1,769,692.94	43,482.97	15,956.50	30,657,141.05
1961-62	2,009,955.96	2,283,927.11	1,682,229.47	1,692,408.31	1,692,348.48	1,569,348.48	6,903,030.92	248,608.10	10,896,301.71	1,761,660.79	46,021.33	15,507.00	30,180,595.16
1962-63	2,523,720.34	2,875,207.48	2,001,629.57	2,065,949.65	1,987,213.35	2,007,871.08	8,458,292.98	375,349.56	13,793,745.21	2,220,539.45	54,274.76	15,887.00	38,179,096.59
1963-64	2,559,785.40	2,781,892.45	2,105,939.67	2,121,387.79	1,945,020.54	2,094,088.41	9,134,657.50	394,947.07	13,860,075.19	2,151,490.09	56,743.19	12,113.50	39,208,181.11
1964-65	2,901,038.56	2,991,012.72	2,329,362.48	2,303,178.27	2,220,907.85	2,302,859.91	10,465,027.22	508,587.30	16,589,045.32	2,294,104.84	71,721.04	13,880.00	44,990,985.31
1965-66	2,795,633.33	2,836,336.10	2,188,141.38	2,161,779.05	2,121,068.34	2,188,256.57	10,006,000.88	498,378.08	...	2,097,641.77	73,721.70	13,552.50	26,980,509.70
1966-67	2,097,388.97	2,252,115.48	1,611,958.10	1,620,147.77	1,675,756.04	1,667,067.85	7,238,583.95	390,463.01	...	1,131,452.23	62,084.57	8,826.35	19,750,744.32
1967-68	123,814.16	143,549.78	100,916.28	105,999.88	106,710.37	105,129.50	181,541.71	25,439.87	...	46,145.22	4,171.23	597.95	945,021.95
April, 1967	125,106.96	142,682.21	99,835.30	105,873.07	107,552.33	99,637.35	178,424.46	24,103.60	...	38,890.98	4,419.73	485.45	927,011.44
May	124,372.33	142,959.57	99,499.97	102,072.07	108,641.91	102,127.90	161,473.21	19,852.02	...	38,338.01	4,142.23	522.95	890,752.17
June	122,282.31	143,064.78	99,323.79	106,071.57	108,730.84	102,122.90	145,419.52	22,171.92	...	36,836.60	4,323.23	377.95	877,462.46
July	120,736.46	141,752.45	97,312.55	105,362.91	107,479.71	102,455.67	143,179.33	21,238.97	...	33,098.43	4,360.73	485.45	860,667.64
August	120,150.19	141,406.09	97,502.58	105,083.93	105,787.84	102,337.89	132,159.22	20,709.17	...	33,722.05	4,323.23	485.45	846,620.98
September	121,114.23	139,780.06	96,244.73	105,205.28	106,682.84	100,896.44	123,785.22	19,935.92	...	28,217.58	4,198.23	560.45	834,898.48
October	117,164.02	138,973.90	95,698.76	105,251.29	105,472.48	101,824.30	120,331.77	18,549.57	...	26,518.08	4,254.06	560.45	813,994.43
November	115,250.60	139,630.99	94,576.95	103,877.66	104,882.09	99,899.91	107,950.32	18,084.72	...	24,968.48	4,325.06	560.45	799,694.57
December	63,863.45	84,729.06	56,472.60	66,477.67	...	62,462.20	42,297.78	8,270.15	...	2,306.21	2,367.50	447.95	354,277.02
January, 1968	61,608.56	84,654.92	57,052.70	66,629.64	...	61,923.78	9,353.85	7,676.40	...	2,110.07	2,881.65	335.45	319,060.33
February	60,816.64	84,615.43	55,159.05	69,128.07	27,963.10	62,660.60	36,412.76	283.98	...	308,139.71	46,953.48	5,755.40	9,045,642.23
March	1,275,279.91	1,527,798.84	1,049,744.66	1,148,833.04	989,903.51	1,103,578.44	1,382,329.15	206,316.09	(1)	24,550.06	1,091.00	60.00	190,269.59
Total	39,578.14	14,250.00	21,539.39	18,103.74	9,095.35	29,043.89	31,794.92	1,163.10	...	24,550.06	1,091.00	60.00	190,269.59
Deduct —													
Amounts recovered													
Account of over-													
payments													
Add —													
Amounts reimbursed													
provinces account													
of overpayments													
Total 1967-68	19,789.07	7,125.00	10,769.69	9,051.87	4,547.67	14,521.94	15,897.46	581.55	...	12,275.03	545.50	30.00	95,134.78
	1,256,490.84	1,520,673.84	1,038,974.96	1,139,781.17	985,355.83	1,099,056.49	1,366,431.69	205,734.54	(1)	295,864.68	46,417.98	5,725.40	8,950,507.42

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1967-68.

(2) If payments had been made to Quebec, amount would have been increased by \$3,401,863.71 for a total of \$17,352,371.13

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE IN CANADA

FISCAL YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 1969



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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, CANADA

**Under the Provisions of the
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT
Chapter 199, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952
as amended by
5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)
6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 6 (1957-58)
10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1962)
12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)
14-15 Elizabeth II, Chapter 45 (1966)**

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To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1969, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John C. Munro
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

The Honourable John C. Munro,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Willard
Deputy Minister of National Welfare.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year 1968-69

1. OPERATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Old Age Assistance Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 50 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for assistance to persons who have attained the age of 65 years but who are not yet eligible for Old Age Security. The provinces pay assistance to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Old Age Security Act was amended in 1965 to lower the age of eligibility by one year on January 1st of each year from 1966 to 1970, both inclusive. Thus, the age of eligibility for Old Age Security was reduced to 66 years on January 1, 1969 with a consequent reduction in the Old Age Assistance caseload. The program will be phased out by January, 1970, except for persons 65 years of age or over who will be ineligible for old age security, not having had the required one year's residence in Canada prior to approval of application for old age security.

Federal expenditure under the Old Age Assistance Act was reduced by the discontinuance of payments to Quebec in accordance with a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid to Quebec under the Old Age Assistance Act are received by the province through a tax abatement. The program continues to be administered, however, in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

Under an amendment to the Old Age Assistance Act enacted in July 1966, provinces that have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for Old Age Assistance and may assist this group under programs for which contributions are made through the Plan. They may also transfer current recipients of Old Age Assistance to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits. Both of these steps were taken by Saskatchewan on April 1, 1966, by Ontario and Prince Edward Island on April 1, 1967, and by Newfoundland on January 1, 1968. Alberta discontinued acceptance of applications on January 1, 1968. However, persons then in receipt of old age assistance continued to receive payments under that Act.

For 1968-69, federal payments under the Old Age Assistance Act to nine provinces and the two territories amounted to \$3,424,181.18. If payments to Quebec had continued during

1968-69, the amount payable to that province would have been \$3,627,851.39 and the total for Canada would have been \$7,052,032.57. As at March 31, 1969, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 6,147

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 9 to 12 of this report.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act during the fiscal year 1968-69. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows -

Period	Maximum monthly assistance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40	65	20	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	65	20	840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	\$55	65	10	960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	\$65	65	10	1,140 (unmarried) 1,980 (married) 2,340 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	\$75	65	10	1,260 (unmarried) 2,220 (married) 2,580 (blind spouse)

3. AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories in accordance with the provisions of the Old Age Assistance Act were not amended during 1968-69. Each agreement provides for payment of assistance based on the maximum amount specified in the Act and for the maximum amounts of income, including assistance, allowed by the Act.

The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act does not alter the operation of the old age assistance program in the province except as to the manner in which the program is financed.

4. ADMINISTRATION - FEDERAL

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Welfare Assistance and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of assistance payments. The

Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

5. ADMINISTRATION - PROVINCIAL

Old Age Assistance is paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

Provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1969 -

ALBERTA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.
Minister - Honourable Raymond A. Speaker, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister - D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority - The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer - K.T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA -

Department - Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.
Minister - Honourable D.R.J. Campbell, Minister of Social Welfare.
Deputy Minister - E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.
Chief Officer - E.W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA -

Department - Department of Health and Social Services, Winnipeg.
Minister - Honourable George Johnson, M.D., Minister of Health and Social Services.
Deputy Minister - Dr. J.B. Morison, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services.
Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.
Chief Officer - W.D. McFarland, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK -

Department - Department of Health and Welfare, Fredericton.
Minister - Honourable L. Norbert Thériault, Minister of Health and Welfare.
Deputy Minister - Dr. J.G. Clarkson, Acting Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Old Age and Blind Assistance Board Fredericton.
Chief Officer - J.L. Arsenault, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.
Minister - Honourable Edward Roberts, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister - R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.
Chief Officer - R.W. Moore, Director of Old Age Assistance St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister - Honourable Percy Gaum, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister - F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer - D.J. Coulter, Administrator of Public Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO -

Department - Department of Social and Family Services, Toronto.
Minister - Honourable John Yaremko, Minister of Social and Family Services.
Deputy Minister - J.S. Band, Deputy Minister of Social and Family Services.
Provincial Authority - Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.
Chief Officer - W.S. Groom, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -

Department - Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.
Minister - Honourable Lorne Bonnell, M.D., C.M., Minister of Welfare.
Deputy Minister - W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.
Chief Officer - Miss Hazel Miller, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC -

Department - Department of Family and Social Welfare.
Minister - Honourable Jean-Paul Cloutier, Minister of Health and Minister of Family and Social Welfare.
Deputy Minister - Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.
Chief Officer - Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN -

Department - Department of Welfare, Regina.
Minister - Honourable Cy MacDonald, Minister of Welfare.
Deputy Minister - A.W. Sihvon, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Director of Public Assistance, Regina.
Chief Officer - J.R. Mather, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES -

Commissioner - S.M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.
Territorial Authority - F.J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY -

Commissioner - James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.
Territorial Authority - C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

ADVISORY BOARD AND REGULATIONS

The Old Age Assistance Regulations were amended during 1967-68 and again during 1968-69 to permit provinces, by agreement, to exclude in the calculation of income the two per cent increase in benefits under the Old Age Security Act which became effective January 1, 1968 and January 1, 1969.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulations did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

COMPARISON WITH RELATED ACTS

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1969.

	Old Age Security Act (1)	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance (2)	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances (2)	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	66 years (3)	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years preceding approval or 40 years after age 18	10 years preceding commencement	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$78.00 a month	\$75 a month	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable (1)	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married - blind spouse	\$1,500 - unmarried 1,980 - unmarried - dependent child 2,580 - married - blind spouse 2,700 - married - blind spouse	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanatoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, disability or war veterans allowance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allowance, old age security or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may specify maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allowance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be continuous if pensioner has 25 years residence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

(1) Includes the guaranteed income supplement program payable to Old Age Security pensioners. The maximum monthly supplement is reduced by \$1 per month for each \$2.00 of monthly income above the flat rate pension. Maximum payment increased from \$30.60 to \$31.20 effective 1 January, 1969.

(2) The manner in which the Government of Canada will contribute may be altered by an agreement with a province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act.

(3) Reduced from 67 to 66 as from January 1, 1969.

8. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF OLD AGE PENSIONS

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent March 31, 1927.
- 1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931 to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records - Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over - Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act - P.C.6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension - P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being:
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);

- (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.

(Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).

- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year - Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 1949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada - Date of Assent March 25, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test
- 1951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada - Date of Assent May 31, 1951.
- 1951 The following Acts passed by Parliament -
- (a) Old Age Security Act - Date of Assent December 21, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test. The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repealed the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).
- (b) Old Age Assistance Act - Date of Assent June 30, 1951 (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the provinces. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old age assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).

(c) Blind Persons Act - Date of Assent June 30, 1951.
(This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954, under Old Age Security Act.
- 1954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 26, 1954.
- 1955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month - Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

- 1957 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid - Date of Assent November 7, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

1959 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.

1960 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely - Date of Assent July 7, 1960.

1962 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the maximum federal pension from \$55 to \$65 a month - Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

1963 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from October 1, 1963, the maximum federal pension from \$65 to \$75 a month - Date of Assent October 16, 1963.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from December 1, 1963, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent December 12, 1963.

1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 - Date of Assent April 3, 1965.

- 1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, provides for certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be wholly financed and administered by a province with the federal contribution being replaced by a tax abatement and adjustment payments.
- 1966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.
- 1966 Old Age Assistance Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for old age Assistance and to allow the transfer of present recipients of assistance to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.
- 1966 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for payment of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to Old Age Security pensioners in Canada who have little or no other income - Date of Assent December 21, 1966.

9. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada as at March 31, 1969

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	13	949	658	822	-	786
Average monthly payment	\$ cts. 66.43	\$ cts. 71.21	\$ cts. 67.50	\$ cts. 69.36	\$ cts. -	\$ cts. 65.71
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1968 - March 31, 1969	375,906.42	844,273.12	544,640.04	682,833.59	189,182.84	612,926.15

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients.	4	-	2,871	-	40	4	6,147
Average monthly Payment	\$ cts. 52.86	\$ cts. -	\$ cts. 69.78	\$ cts. -	\$ cts. 73.21	\$ cts. 75.00	\$ cts.
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1968 - March 31, 1969...	141,677.97	18,308.35	(1)	19,416.28(Cr.)	30,536.18	3,312.80	3,424,181.18(2)

Average monthly allowance (Canada) - \$69.20

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1968-69.
(2) If payments had been made to Quebec amount would have been increased by \$3,627,851.39 for a total of \$7,052,032.57.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	B.C.		MAN.		N.B.		N.S.		QUE.		N.W.T.		Y.T.	TOTAL
TOTAL	1,415		851		1,027		991		3,888		58		4	8,234
Male.....	713		379		474		466		661		37		3	2,733
Female	702		472		553		525		3,227		21		1	5,501
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Married.....	269	240	207	216	315	259	231	216	439	870	20	15	1	1,482
Single.....	224	42	97	29	87	54	132	51	137	450	5	...	...	682
Widower.....	71	...	34	...	44	...	49	...	47	...	8	...	1	254
Widow.....	...	305	...	184	...	194	...	204	...	1,698	...	5	...	...
Separated.....	110	90	34	34	26	38	49	49	38	209	4	1	...	2,591
Divorced.....	39	25	7	9	2	8	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	421
														53
														47
Age 65	608	628	336	443	430	526	417	485	610	3,158	30	20	3	2,434
66	105	74	43	29	42	27	48	40	49	64	6	1	...	293
67 .....	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	2	5	1	...	...	6
														5
In cities	422	409	136	174	60	118	55	82	233	1,730	...	...	1	907
In towns	40	58	46	76	50	48	96	117	69	433	9	1	...	310
In villages	91	87	91	140	63	74	268	272	359	1,064	19	6	...	892
On farms	44	47	45	36	158	156	47	54	...	...	...	...	...	294
Other	116	101	61	46	143	157	...	...	...	...	9	14	1	330
														319
Own homes.....	211	287	136	202	330	313	277	323	323	876	15	9	2	1,294
Rented houses or apts.....	332	262	28	35	47	93	49	66	143	1,268	5	2	1	605
Children - relatives	45	113	26	84	40	102	58	83	46	611	8	6	...	223
Rented rooms	89	19	107	87	5	7	58	37	49	343	...	...	...	308
Public or private institutions, ..	36	21	25	22	18	9	24	16	100	129	1	...	...	204
Other .....	...	...	57	42	34	29	...	...	...	...	8	4	...	99
														75
Number receiving regular annual income -														
Pensions other than under Old Age Assistance Act....	103		51		15		62		32		2		...	265
Annuity of any kind.....	12		7		2		...		1		...		...	22
Spouses in receipt of old age security	195		165		208		154		386		13		...	1,121
Number receiving unemployment insurance	45		27		79		...		32		...		...	183

(1) The provinces of Ontario, Alberta, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan ceased accepting applications for assistance prior to April 1, 1968.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES FISCAL YEARS 1957-58 TO 1968-69

Age	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69
Total	28,638	32,291	28,628	28,392	26,827	31,677	30,466	31,004	29,624	23,633	14,481	8,234
65.....	17,001	18,939	18,538	17,772	16,639	20,613	20,178	20,880	20,898	18,058	12,126	7,695
%	59.36	58.65	64.75	62.60	62.02	65.07	66.23	67.35	70.54	76.41	83.42	93.45
66.....	4,725	4,892	3,673	3,922	4,161	4,278	3,901	4,004	4,541	3,127	1,767	528
%	16.50	15.15	12.83	13.81	15.51	13.51	12.80	12.91	15.33	13.23	12.42	6.41
67.....	3,141	3,840	2,540	2,795	2,618	2,978	2,849	2,708	2,129	1,594	572	11
%	10.97	11.89	8.87	9.84	9.76	9.40	9.35	8.73	7.19	6.74	4.04	.13
68.....	2,222	2,845	2,447	2,431	2,093	2,345	2,220	2,003	1,314	819	16	...
%	7.76	8.81	8.55	8.56	7.80	7.40	7.29	6.46	4.44	3.47	.10	...
69.....	1,544	1,769	1,426	1,468	1,316	1,461	1,318	1,406	741	35	...	...
%	5.39	5.48	4.98	5.17	4.91	4.61	4.33	4.53	2.50	.15	...	...
70.....	5	6	4	4	...	2	...	3	1	...	...	...
%	.02	.02	0.1	0.1	...	.01	...	.01	.003	...	...	...

APPLICATIONS DECLINED OR NOT COMPLETED

	B. C.	Man.	N. B.	N. S.	Que.	N. W. T.	Y. T.	Total
Not 65 years of age	27	32	29	49	38	...	...	175
Unable to prove age	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	4
Too much income	51	32	105	133	246	1	...	568
Not sufficient residence	9	...	1	...	1	...	...	11
Unable to prove residence	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	4
Transfer of Property	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
War Veterans Allowance	4	2	6	4	5	...	...	21
Whereabouts unknown	15	...	...	1	3	...	...	19
Refused information	29	10	...	2	11	...	...	52
Over 67 years of age	4	...	11	13	9	...	...	37
Old Age security	14	15	8	8	8	...	...	53
								216

11. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1-52	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	...	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	...	...	41,601
2-53	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	...	87,675
3-54	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,594	64	4	93,273
4-55	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
5-56	5,321	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
6-57	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,993	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	99,797
7-58	5,400	6,906	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,313	5,129	103	41	92,473
8-59	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	22,361	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
9-60	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,682	5,377	5,477	22,544	750	34,312	5,526	128	52	98,773
0-61	6,524	7,322	5,098	5,655	5,342	5,395	25,197	801	34,411	5,727	135	48	99,184
1-62	6,494	7,139	5,082	5,421	5,184	5,243	22,863	897	34,515	5,760	140	46	98,944
2-63	6,479	7,039	5,448	5,491	5,187	5,421	23,325	1,039	37,066	5,866	144	34	103,153
3-64	6,944	6,864	5,436	5,447	5,381	5,509	25,197	1,130	38,206	5,949	147	31	105,241
4-65	6,810	6,829	5,820	5,356	5,382	5,574	26,049	1,229	39,239	5,463	166	31	107,354
5-66	6,423	5,473	4,241	4,206	4,680	4,723	19,921	983	31,971	3,975	133	23	84,553
6-67	6,673	4,674	4,236	3,633	3,110	3,134	13,279	712	22,817	1,496	120	5	58,323
7-68	1,710	2,377	1,547	1,957	844	1,879	1,340	206	12,839	39	75	2	24,922
8-69	13	949	658	822	...	786	4	...	2,871	...	40	4	6,147

11. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	N.S.	Que.	N.W.T.	Y.P.	Total	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	N.S.	Que.	N.W.T.	Y.P.	Total
Less than \$1,000	34	52	57	103	905	..	..	1,151	204	105	143	76	121	2	..	651
\$1,001 - \$2,000	43	29	75	73	99	..	..	319	23	27	21	18	102	..	..	191
2,001 - 3,000	57	8	25	50	26	..	..	166	10	15	10	3	70	..	..	108
3,001 - 4,000	35	6	13	21	10	..	..	85	3	4	1	1	37	..	..	46
4,001 - 5,000	27	3	7	3	4	..	..	44	1	..	1	..	33	..	..	35
5,001 - 6,000	11	2	5	6	4	..	..	28	3	2	2	..	21	..	..	28
6,001 - 7,000	5	3	1	2	3	..	..	14	1	..	1	1	15	..	..	18
7,001 - 8,000	5	..	..	2	2	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	9
8,001 - 9,000	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	9
9,001 - 10,000	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Over 10,000	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	7

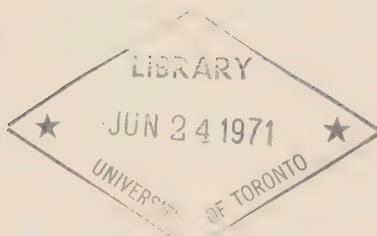
12. Reconciliation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon	Total
1951-52	\$ 144,251.35	\$ 282,663.27	\$ 105,689.51	\$ 155,637.56	\$	\$ 95,673.45	\$ 672,512.10	\$ 6,532.45	\$ 690,081.24	\$ 133,392.55	\$	\$ 2,457,123.64	
1952-53	967,343.46	1,701,854.47	1,035,021.86	1,113,921.31	333,898.50	893,059.70	4,586,572.90	66,313.41	5,927,593.26	997,396.06	4,457.50	19,123,337.37	
1953-54	1,107,130.21	1,863,051.66	1,112,322.13	1,248,339.19	896,428.59	1,028,756.25	4,726,152.91	98,551.94	7,132,922.43	1,017,555.25	14,251.41	386,000	20,232,152.60
1954-55	1,155,331.71	1,872,409.14	1,119,638.96	1,288,095.23	998,972.70	1,063,165.10	4,858,692.93	98,551.94	7,392,922.60	1,089,704.15	18,941.89	2,222,448	20,232,152.60
1955-56	1,246,451.43	1,786,303.54	1,111,603.66	1,303,183.68	977,212.31	1,063,165.10	4,918,977.94	99,699.66	7,397,373.13	1,150,402.27	21,000.19	3,260.00	20,232,152.60
1956-57	1,220,050.48	1,549,790.16	1,065,848.06	1,276,064.34	1,016,721.40	1,026,319.49	4,677,967.96	98,280.39	7,159,430.50	1,199,832.81	22,613.33	6,600.00	20,232,152.60
1957-58	1,533,750.51	1,979,058.25	1,227,115.27	1,593,905.44	1,298,769.37	1,318,014.57	5,650,280.73	142,257.55	8,702,892.76	1,435,187.62	22,613.33	7,725.00	20,232,152.60
1958-59	1,877,243.00	2,291,661.85	1,572,889.81	1,869,265.76	1,715,326.07	1,611,693.14	6,707,318.27	204,795.00	10,680,151.37	1,751,222.44	40,266.95	13,270.50	20,232,152.60
1959-60	1,959,162.45	2,393,794.69	1,586,918.16	1,746,572.12	1,707,883.27	1,668,128.71	6,629,557.22	216,869.72	10,977,063.79	1,769,632.94	43,482.47	13,195.95	20,232,152.60
1960-61	2,003,762.99	2,332,521.36	1,600,649.61	1,760,484.31	1,672,599.98	1,569,348.48	6,903,030.92	248,608.10	10,896,301.71	1,761,660.70	46,021.33	15,907.00	20,232,152.60
1961-62	2,050,955.96	2,283,927.11	1,652,229.47	1,805,949.65	1,997,223.35	2,007,871.08	8,458,292.98	375,349.56	13,793,745.27	2,220,533.45	94,274.76	13,287.00	20,232,152.60
1962-63	2,523,720.34	2,675,207.43	2,001,605.67	2,121,387.79	1,945,020.54	2,024,088.41	9,134,697.50	394,947.07	13,850,075.19	2,294,104.64	71,721.04	13,800.00	20,232,152.60
1963-64	2,559,785.40	2,781,892.45	2,105,939.67	2,303,178.27	2,220,907.85	2,302,895.91	10,465,297.22	508,587.30	16,589,045.32	2,697,611.77	13,721.70	13,512.50	20,232,152.60
1964-65	2,995,633.33	2,936,336.10	2,180,141.38	2,161,779.05	2,121,668.34	2,188,256.57	10,066,000.88	498,378.08	16,589,045.32	2,697,611.77	13,721.70	13,512.50	20,232,152.60
1965-66	2,795,633.33	2,936,336.10	2,180,141.38	2,161,779.05	2,121,668.34	2,188,256.57	10,066,000.88	498,378.08	16,589,045.32	2,697,611.77	13,721.70	13,512.50	20,232,152.60
1966-67	2,092,388.97	2,692,115.48	1,611,858.10	1,620,447.77	1,675,756.04	1,667,067.85	7,238,583.95	390,463.01	13,131,452.23	2,995,864.68	46,447.76	5,725.40	20,232,152.60
1967-68	1,256,490.04	1,520,673.84	1,038,974.96	1,139,781.17	985,355.93	1,089,056.49	1,366,431.69	205,734.54	...	...	...	...	20,232,152.60
1968-69	55,771.29	87,199.83	56,413.02	68,461.31	27,871.63	63,183.83	32,425.37	793.04	...	...	...	...	20,232,152.60
April 1969	53,569.64	87,117.95	56,287.60	67,900.43	27,521.15	62,918.38	28,202.57	2,533.94	...	...	...	...	20,232,152.60
May	50,246.02	84,890.21	55,609.61	66,400.69	25,370.08	62,132.43	24,078.18	4,965.85	...	...	...	...	20,232,152.60
June	46,687.70	82,809.04	55,685.07	62,176.45	24,686.03	62,184.78	22,332.81	4,388.80	...	...	...	...	20,232,152.60
July	44,225.59	84,405.80	54,725.16	61,121.28	22,931.71	62,000.55	17,783.79	3,636.87	...	...	...	...	20,232,152.60
August	40,679.37	83,332.02	53,346.36	61,957.78	19,510.73	62,000.55	15,813.00	211.04	...	...	...	...	20,232,152.60
September	36,682.01	81,720.86	53,042.34	66,336.22	17,452.56	59,570.95	10,641.36	2,161.43	...	2,073,276.00	3,039.02	300.00	20,232,152.60
October	35,042.60	81,797.46	53,332.24	67,148.39	16,595.92	58,473.50	8,999.80	103.12	...	...	...	...	20,232,152.60
November	32,197.77	80,460.38	53,423.59	65,074.53	14,938.21	56,616.70	7,011.85	11.76	...	496.04 (ex)	943.50	1,245.50	20,232,152.60
December	2,491.70	34,416.19	23,158.28	30,137.38	...	25,832.23	1,975.55 (ex)	...	...	...	1,576.75	195.00	20,232,152.60
January 1965	1,469.43	33,446.13	21,869.02	29,880.12	...	25,691.60	671.95 (ex)	...	...	978.64 (ex)	1,569.75	190.00	20,232,152.60
February	888.80	33,949.70	21,687.40	29,085.23	...	630,487.05	163,793.20	18,805.95	...	3,909.95 (ex)	31,403.68	3,955.36	20,232,152.60
March	399,881.97	854,545.57	598,499.19	693,869.82	196,878.02	630,487.05	163,793.20	18,805.95	...	...	...	...	20,232,152.60
Total									...	...	...	...	20,232,152.60
Deduct -													
Accounts received													
Accounts of over-													
payments													
Add -													
Accounts reimbursed													
Provinces account													
of over-													
payments													
Total 1960-69													

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Program Agreement, a portion of the payments made to Quebec in 1968-69.

**REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
IN CANADA**

**FISCAL YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 1970**



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, CANADA

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**Under the Provisions of the
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT
Chapter 199, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952
as amended by
5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)
6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 6 (1957-58)
10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1962)
12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)
14-15 Elizabeth II, Chapter 45 (1966)**

To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1970, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John C. Munro
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

The Honourable John C. Munro,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Sir, — I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1970, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

Joseph W. Willard
Deputy Minister of National Welfare.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year 1969-70

1. OPERATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Old Age Assistance Act, assented to June 30, 1951, provided for federal sharing, under agreements, of 50 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for assistance to persons who had attained the age of 65 years but who had not reached the eligible age for Old Age Security. The provinces paid assistance to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

Normal operations under the Old Age Assistance Act were terminated on January 1, 1970, when the eligible age for the Old Age Security pension was lowered to 65 years. All persons receiving old age assistance, at that date, were transferred to the Old Age Security program with the exception of two cases in Manitoba. These two persons could not qualify for old age security, not having had the required one year's residence in Canada prior to January 1, 1970.

Federal payments to the provinces and the number of persons assisted under the Old Age Assistance Act have been progressively reduced over the past four or five years as a result of two significant changes in federal welfare legislation, as follows:

(a) The Canada Assistance Plan legislation, adopted in July, 1966, included an amendment to the Old Age Assistance Act under which a province could discontinue acceptance of new applications for old age assistance and provide for assistance through need-tested programs coming under the Plan. The provinces could also transfer current recipients of assistance to such programs if they could qualify for comparable benefits. By January 1, 1968, five provinces - Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta had ceased accepting applications under the Old Age Assistance Act and had transferred a large percentage of recipients to other provincial programs.

(b) The Old Age Security Act was amended in 1965 to lower the age of eligibility by one year on January 1st of each year, from 1966 to 1970, both inclusive. The result has been that persons who would normally have applied for old age assistance at age 69 in 1966, and progressively downward to age 65 in 1970 were granted old age security rather than old age assistance.

Payments through the Department of National Health and Welfare to Quebec were discontinued under the terms of a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid to Quebec under the Old Age Assistance Act are received by the province through a tax abatement. However, the program continued to be administered in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

During 1969-70, 4061 persons age 65 were granted assistance. Of this number 485 were approved in Nova Scotia, 505 in New Brunswick, 2,091 in Quebec, 285 in Manitoba, 685 in British Columbia and 10 in the Northwest Territories.

For 1969-70, federal payments under the Old Age Assistance Act to nine provinces and the two territories amounted to \$771,161.82. If payments to Quebec had continued during 1969-70, the amount payable to that province would have been \$775,978.44 and the total for Canada would have been \$1,547,140.26. As at December 31, 1969, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 4,635.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 9 to 12 of this report.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act during the fiscal year 1969-70. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows -

Period	Maximum monthly assistance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40	65	20	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	65	20	840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	\$55	65	10	960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	\$65	65	10	1,140 (unmarried) 1,980 (married) 2,340 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	\$75	65	10	1,260 (unmarried) 2,220 (married) 2,580 (blind spouse)

3. AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and the territories providing for payment of assistance based on the maximum amount specified in the Act and for the maximum amounts of income, including assistance, allowed by the Act were not amended during 1969-70.

The agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan was terminated on April 1, 1968, the date the provincial Old Age Assistance Act was repealed.

The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act did not alter the operation of the Old Age Assistance program in the province except as to the manner in which the program is financed.

4. ADMINISTRATION - FEDERAL

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Welfare Assistance and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of assistance payments. The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

5. ADMINISTRATION - PROVINCIAL

Old Age Assistance is paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

Provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1970 -

NEWFOUNDLAND -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.
Minister - Honourable Stephen A. Neary, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister - R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.
Chief Officer - Frank J. Simms, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -

Department - Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.
Minister - Honourable Lorne Bonnell, M.D., C.M., Minister of Welfare.
Deputy Minister - W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.
Chief Officer - Miss Hazel Miller, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

NOVA SCOTIA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister - Honourable Gordon A. Tidman, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister - F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer - D.J. Coulter, Administrator of Public Assistance, Halifax.

NEW BRUNSWICK -

Department - Department of Health and Welfare, Fredericton.
Minister - Honourable L. Norbert Thériault, Minister of Health and Welfare.
Deputy Minister - Dr. J.G. Clarkson, Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.
Chief Officer - J.L. Arsenault, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

QUEBEC -

Department - Department of Family and Social Welfare.
Minister - Honourable Jean-Paul Cloutier, Minister of Health and Minister of Family and Social Welfare.
Deputy Minister - Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.
Chief Officer - Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

ONTARIO -

Department - Department of Social and Family Services, Toronto.
Minister - Honourable John Yaremko, Minister of Social and Family Services.
Deputy Minister - M. Borczak, Deputy Minister of Social and Family Services.
Provincial Authority - Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.
Chief Officer - J.E. McKnight, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

MANITOBA -

Department - Department of Health and Social Services, Winnipeg.
Minister - Honourable Rene Toupin, Minister of Health and Social Services.
Deputy Minister - Dr. J.B. Morison, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services.
Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.
Chief Officer - W.D. McFarland, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

ALBERTA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.
Minister - Honourable Raymond A. Speaker, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister - D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority - The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer - W.L. Casselman, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA -

Department - Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.
Minister - Honourable D.R.J. Campbell, Minister of Social Welfare.
Deputy Minister - E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.
Chief Officer - E.W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES -

Commissioner - S.M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.
Territorial Authority - K.J. Torrance, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

YUKON TERRITORY -

Commissioner - James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory.
Territorial Authority - C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. ADVISORY BOARD AND REGULATIONS

The Old Age Assistance Regulations were amended during 1969-70 to permit provinces, by agreement, to exclude in the calculation of income the two per cent increase in benefits under the Old Age Security Act which became effective January 1, 1970.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulations did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. COMPARISON WITH RELATED ACTS

The information given on page 12 relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1970.

	Old Age Security Act (1)	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance(2)	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances(2)	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	65 years(3)	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years preceding approval or 40 years after age 18	10 years preceding commencement	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$79.58 a month	\$75 a month	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable(1)	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married - blind spouse	\$1,500 - unmarried 1,980 - unmarried - dependent child 2,580 - married - blind spouse 2,700 - married - blind spouse	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married - blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanatoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, disability or war veterans allowance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allowance, old age security or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may specify maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allowance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be continuous if pensioner has 25 years residence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

(1) Includes the guaranteed income supplement program payable to Old Age Security pensioners. The maximum monthly supplement is reduced by \$1 per month for each \$2.00 of monthly income above the flat rate pension. Maximum payment increased from \$31.20 to \$31.83 effective 1 January, 1970.

(2) The manner in which the Government of Canada will contribute may be altered by an agreement with a province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act.

(3) Reduced from 66 to 65 as from January 1, 1970.

8. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF OLD AGE PENSIONS

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent March 31, 1927.
- 1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931 to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records - Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over - Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension - P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being:
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.

(Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).

- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year - Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 1949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada - Date of Assent March 25, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.
- 1951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada - Date of Assent May 31, 1951.
- 1951 The following Acts passed by Parliament -
- (a) Old Age Security Act - Date of Assent December 21, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test. The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repealed the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).
 - (b) Old Age Assistance Act - Date of Assent June 30, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the provinces. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old age assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).
 - (c) Blind Persons Act - Date of Assent June 30, 1951. (This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the

maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954, under Old Age Security Act.
- 1954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 26, 1954.
- 1955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month - Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid - Date of Assent November 7, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

1959 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.

1960 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely - Date of Assent July 7, 1960.

1962 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the maximum federal pension from \$55 to \$65 a month - Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

1963 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from October 1, 1963, the maximum federal pension from \$65 to \$75 a month - Date of Assent October 16, 1963.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from December 1, 1963, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent December 12, 1963.

1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 - Date of Assent April 3, 1965.

1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, to provide for federal contributions to certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be made through a tax abatement and adjustment payments.

1966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.

- 1966 Old Age Assistance Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for old age Assistance and to allow the transfer of present recipients of assistance to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.
- 1966 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for payment of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to Old Age Security pensioners in Canada who have little or no other income - Date of Assent December 21, 1966.

9. Financial and Statistical Summary of Old Age Assistance in Canada for the Fiscal Year 1969-70

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
	Act (Federal) operative as from					
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients - December, 1969(3)	-	755	402	606	-	593
Average monthly payment - December, 1969	\$ cts. -	\$ cts. 71.15	\$ cts. 68.21	\$ cts. 68.27	\$ cts. -	\$ cts. 65.94
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1969 - March 31, 1970	24,163.26(Cr)	268,568.40	151,455.69	222,483.05	8,416.59(Cr)	190,581.32

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	Act (Federal) operative as from						
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients - December, 1969	-	-	2,253	-	24	2	4,635
Average monthly Payment - December, 1969	\$ cts. -	\$ cts. -	\$ cts. 70.03	\$ cts. -	\$ cts. 73.60	\$ cts. 75.00	\$ cts.
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1969 - March 31, 1970	26,124.60(Cr)	475.00(Cr)	(1)	13,394.69(Cr)	10,001.00	646.50	771,161.82(2)

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1969-70.

(2) If payments had been made to Quebec amount would have been increased by \$775,978.44 for a total of \$1,547,140.26.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE 1969-70
APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES FISCAL YEARS 1958-59 TO 1969-70

Age	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
Total	32,291	28,628	28,392	26,827	31,677	30,466	31,004	29,624	23,633	14,481	8,234	4,061
65.....	18,939	18,538	17,772	16,639	20,613	20,178	20,880	20,898	18,058	12,126	7,695	4,061
	58.65	64.75	62.60	62.02	65.07	66.23	67.35	70.54	76.41	83.42	93.45	100.00
66.....	4,892	3,673	3,922	4,161	4,278	3,901	4,004	4,541	3,127	1,767	528	...
	15.15	12.83	13.81	15.51	13.51	12.80	12.91	15.43	13.23	12.42	6.41	...
67.....	3,840	2,540	2,795	2,618	2,978	2,849	2,708	2,129	1,594	572	11	...
	11.89	8.87	9.84	9.76	9.40	9.35	8.73	7.19	6.74	4.04	.13	...
68.....	2,845	2,447	2,431	2,093	2,345	2,220	2,003	1,314	819	16	...	...
	8.81	8.55	8.56	7.80	7.40	7.29	6.46	4.44	3.47	.10	...	...
69.....	1,769	1,426	1,468	1,316	1,461	1,318	1,406	741	35
	5.48	4.98	5.17	4.91	4.61	4.33	4.53	2.50	.15
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11. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52.....	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	...	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	...	...	41,601
1952-53.....	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	...	87,675
1953-54.....	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	32,391	4,584	594	64	4	93,273
1954-55.....	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
1955-56.....	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
1956-57.....	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	89,907
1957-58.....	5,715	6,906	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,378	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	92,484
1958-59.....	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,485	5,485	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
1959-60.....	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,682	5,377	5,477	22,544	730	34,312	5,726	128	52	98,773
1960-61.....	6,584	7,322	4,909	5,555	5,342	5,395	22,736	801	35,441	5,727	135	48	100,184
1961-62.....	6,494	7,189	5,082	5,421	5,184	5,248	22,868	897	34,615	5,760	140	46	98,944
1962-63.....	6,479	7,039	5,448	5,491	5,187	5,421	23,925	1,039	37,086	5,866	144	34	103,159
1963-64.....	6,644	6,864	5,436	5,447	5,081	5,509	25,197	1,130	38,206	5,549	147	31	105,241
1964-65.....	6,810	6,829	5,436	5,356	5,088	5,574	26,049	1,229	39,239	5,463	166	31	107,354
1965-66.....	5,453	5,478	4,241	4,200	4,080	4,423	19,991	988	31,971	3,975	133	26	84,959
1966-67.....	3,617	4,074	2,956	3,033	3,110	3,134	13,279	712	22,817	1,496	120	15	58,363
1967-68.....	1,710	2,377	1,647	1,957	844	1,879	1,340	206	12,839	39	75	9	24,922
1968-69.....	13	949	658	822	...	786	4	...	2,871	...	40	4	6,147
*1969-70.....	...	755	402	606	...	593	...	...	2,253	...	24	2	4,635

* Footnote: These figures refer to the number of persons receiving assistance as at December 31, 1969.

12. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

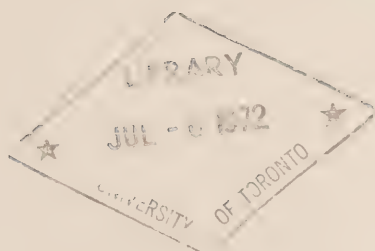
Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	\$ 144,051.36	\$ 262,668.27	\$ 106,689.51	\$ 165,657.56	\$	\$ 95,673.45	\$ 672,512.10	\$ 6,532.45	\$ 630,081.24	\$ 133,392.55	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$ 2,277,238.49
1952-53	967,948.46	1,701,854.47	1,036,021.86	1,113,921.31	833,898.50	893,059.70	4,586,572.90	66,313.41	6,927,593.20	997,396.06	4,257.50	. . .	19,128,837.37
1953-54	1,107,190.01	1,863,051.68	1,112,322.13	1,248,339.19	896,428.59	1,028,756.25	4,726,152.91	85,985.94	7,187,259.43	1,017,535.28	14,251.14	880.00	20,288,152.60
1954-55	1,155,331.91	1,872,909.14	1,119,333.96	1,288,095.23	898,972.70	1,063,165.10	4,858,692.93	98,531.00	7,392,922.60	1,039,764.15	18,941.89	2,220.48	20,869,125.09
1955-56	1,240,451.48	1,788,308.24	1,111,033.67	1,303,188.68	877,212.91	1,046,927.35	4,918,977.94	99,659.66	7,357,373.13	1,150,402.27	21,000.19	3,080.00	20,918,186.11
1956-57	1,220,050.48	1,669,790.16	1,065,848.07	1,276,064.34	1,016,721.40	1,026,319.49	4,677,967.96	98,220.39	7,159,030.50	1,159,832.81	22,619.33	6,640.00	20,399,104.92
1957-58	1,538,750.51	1,979,058.25	1,287,115.27	1,559,905.44	1,298,769.97	1,218,054.57	5,650,260.73	142,227.55	5,702,892.76	1,435,187.62	29,384.56	9,726.00	24,961,383.23
1958-59	1,877,243.00	2,291,661.85	1,572,809.81	1,829,255.77	1,715,386.07	1,611,693.19	6,707,318.27	191,758.72	10,593,250.32	1,763,548.80	39,989.07	13,279.50	30,207,284.36
1959-60	1,955,162.45	2,353,754.69	1,580,913.16	1,788,776.68	1,736,290.55	1,619,202.85	6,608,442.92	204,795.00	10,688,151.37	1,757,262.44	40,266.95	14,524.00	30,347,948.06
1960-61	2,003,762.99	2,332,521.36	1,600,049.64	1,746,572.42	1,707,883.27	1,608,128.71	6,629,557.24	216,1869.72	10,977,063.79	1,769,692.94	43,482.47	15,956.50	30,657,141.05
1961-62	2,000,955.96	2,283,927.11	1,632,229.47	1,770,434.31	1,672,509.98	1,569,348.43	6,903,030.92	248,608.10	10,896,301.71	1,761,670.79	46,021.33	15,507.00	30,810,585.16
1962-63	2,523,720.34	2,675,207.48	2,001,605.67	2,065,349.65	1,987,213.35	2,007,871.08	8,458,292.98	375,349.56	13,793,745.27	2,220,539.45	54,274.76	15,287.00	38,179,056.99
1963-64	2,599,785.40	2,781,892.45	2,105,939.67	2,121,387.79	1,945,020.54	2,084,088.41	9,134,697.50	394,947.07	13,860,075.19	2,151,490.09	56,743.50	12,113.50	39,208,181.11
1964-65	2,901,038.56	2,991,012.72	2,329,362.48	2,303,178.27	2,220,907.85	2,302,859.91	10,465,257.22	508,587.30	16,589,045.32	2,294,104.64	71,721.04	13,880.00	44,990,955.31
1965-66	2,795,633.33	2,886,336.10	2,188,141.38	2,161,779.05	2,121,068.34	2,188,256.57	10,006,000.88	498,378.08	. . .	2,097,641.77	73,721.70	13,552.50	26,980,509.70
1966-67	2,092,388.97	2,232,115.48	1,211,658.10	1,620,147.77	1,675,756.04	1,667,067.85	7,238,583.95	390,463.01	. . .	1,131,452.23	62,084.57	8,866.35	19,750,744.34
1967-68	1,256,490.84	1,580,673.84	1,038,974.96	1,139,781.17	985,355.83	1,089,056.49	1,366,431.69	205,734.54	. . .	295,864.68	46,117.98	5,725.40	8,950,507.42
1968-69	375,906.42 (cr)	844,273.12	544,640.04	682,833.59	189,182.84 (cr)	612,926.15	141,677.97 (cr)	18,308.35 (cr)	. . .	19,416.28 (cr)	30,536.18	3,312.80	3,428,181.18
1969-70	24,163.26	268,568.40	151,455.69	222,483.05	8,415.59	190,581.32	26,124.60	475.00	. . . (1)	13,394.69	10,001.00	646.50	771,161.82

1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act, which came into force April 1, 1965, funds formerly paid under the Old Age Assistance Act to

Quebec are received through a tax abatement to the province. The amounts received by Quebec through this arrangement for the fiscal years 1965-66 to 1969-70 have been as follows: -

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE IN CANADA

FISCAL YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31, 1971



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**Under the Provisions of the
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ACT
Chapter 199, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952
as amended by**

- 5-8 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)**
- 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 6 (1957-58)**
- 10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1962)**
- 12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)**
- 14-15 Elizabeth II, Chapter 45 (1966)**

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To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1971, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John C. Munro
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

The Honourable John C. Munro,
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Respectfully submitted.

Joseph W. Willard
Deputy Minister of National Welfare.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year 1970-71

1. OPERATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Old Age Assistance Act, assented to June 30, 1951, provided for federal sharing, under agreements, of 50 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for assistance to persons who had attained the age of 65 years but who had not reached the eligible age for Old Age Security. The provinces paid assistance to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

Normal operations under the Old Age Assistance Act were terminated on January 1, 1970, when the eligible age for the Old Age Security pension was lowered to 65 years. Persons receiving old age assistance, at that time, subsequently received benefits under the Old Age Security Act.

During the 18 years that the Old Age Assistance program was in active operation, approximately 530,000 persons were assisted and the federal share of payments totalled \$432,679,858. In addition, in accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act the Province of Quebec has since April 1, 1965, received tax abatement monies totalling \$41,038,374.

The federal share of overpayments recovered from former recipients of old age assistance who had been overpaid totalled approximately \$2,000,000. Recoveries were made from Old Age Security pensions at the request of the pensioner or under the authority of the Financial Administration Act.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 8 to 10 of this report.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT

There were no amendments to the Old Age Assistance Act during the fiscal year 1970-71. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows -

Period	Maximum monthly assistance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including assistance
January 1, 1952 to June 30, 1957	\$40	65	20	\$ 720 (unmarried) 1,200 (married) 1,320 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	65	20	840 (unmarried) 1,380 (married) 1,740 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	\$55	65	10	960 (unmarried) 1,620 (married) 1,980 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	\$65	65	10	1,140 (unmarried) 1,980 (married) 2,340 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	\$75	65	10	1,260 (unmarried) 2,220 (married) 2,580 (blind spouse)

3. AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

Agreements under the Old Age Assistance Act made by Canada with the provinces of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia and with the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory have been terminated with effect from March 31, 1971. The agreements with the provinces of Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia were terminated on April 1, 1968, and September 1, 1970, respectively, the dates the provincial Old Age Assistance Acts were repealed.

4. ADMINISTRATION - FEDERAL

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Welfare Assistance and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare was responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of assistance payments. The Division is still actively involved in assisting the provinces in recovering overpayments from former recipients. These are persons who had been overpaid while in receipt of assistance and from whom the provinces have been unable to recover the amounts overpaid. At the request of the provinces these cases are referred to the Department of Finance for recovery from old age security pension under authority of the Financial Administration Act.

The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

5. ADMINISTRATION - PROVINCIAL

Old Age Assistance was paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which conformed to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

Provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1971 -

NEW FOUNDLAND -

Department - Department of Social Services and Rehabilitation, St. John's.
Minister - Honourable Stephen A. Neary, Minister of Social Services and Rehabilitation.
Deputy Minister - R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Social Services and Rehabilitation.
Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.
Chief Officer - Frank J. Simms, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -

Department - Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.
Minister - Honourable J.H. Maloney, M.D., Minister of Welfare.
Deputy Minister - W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.
Chief Officer - Miss Hazel Miller, Director of Old Age Assistance, Charlottetown.

NOVA SCOTIA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister - Honourable Allan E. Sullivan, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister - Dr. F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer - D.J. Coulter, Administrator of Public Assistance, Halifax.

NEW BRUNSWICK -

Department - Department of Health and Welfare, Fredericton.
Minister - Honourable Brenda M. Robertson, Minister of Welfare.
Deputy Minister - Rheal Leblanc, A/Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.
Chief Officer - J.L. Arsenault, Director of Old Age Assistance, Fredericton.

QUEBEC -

Department - Department of Social Affairs.

Minister - Honourable Claude Castonguay, Minister of Social Affairs.

Deputy Minister - Jacques Brunet, M.D., Deputy Minister of Social Affairs.

Provincial Authority - Special Programs Directorate, Quebec.

Chief Officer - Roger Robert, Director of Social Aid Services, Quebec.

ONTARIO -

Department - Department of Social and Family Services, Toronto.
Minister - Honourable Thomas L. Wells, Minister of Social and Family Services.

Deputy Minister - M. Borczak, Deputy Minister of Social and Family Services.

Provincial Authority - Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer - J.E. McKnight, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

MANITOBA -

Department - Department of Health and Social Development, Winnipeg.

Minister - Honourable Rene Toupin, Minister of Health and Social Development.

Deputy Minister - J. Andre Ouellette, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer - W.D. McFarland, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

SASKATCHEWAN -

Department - Department of Welfare, Regina.

Minister - Honourable Cy MacDonald, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister - A.W. Sihvon, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer - J.R. Mather, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

ALBERTA -

Department - Department of Social Development, Edmonton.

Minister - Honourable Raymond A. Speaker, Minister of Social Development.

Deputy Minister - D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Social Development.

Provincial Authority - The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer - W.L. Casselman, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA -

Department - Department of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement, Victoria.

Minister - Honourable P.A. Gagliardi, Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement.

Deputy Minister - E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement.

Provincial Authority - Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer - E.W. Berry, Chairman, Old-age Assistance Board, Vancouver.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES -

Commissioner - S.M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority - K.J. Torrance, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

YUKON TERRITORY -

Commissioner - James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory.

Territorial Authority - C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. ADVISORY BOARD AND REGULATIONS

The Old Age Assistance Regulations were not amended during 1970-71.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulations did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF OLD AGE PENSIONS

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| 1927 | Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent March 31, 1927. |
| 1931 | Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931 to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records - Date of Assent August 3, 1931. |
| 1937 | Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over - Date of Assent March 31, 1937. |
| 1942 | Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension. |

- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension - P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being:
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- (Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year - Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 1949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada - Date of Assent March 25, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

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8. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 TO 1970-71

Age	(1) 1951-52	(2) 1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
Total	29,344	52,290	30,416	27,688	25,820	24,423	28,638	32,291	28,628	28,392
65	5,465	18,742	17,938	16,969	16,129	15,793	17,001	18,939	18,538	17,772
66	5,888	9,895	4,143	3,787	3,494	3,311	4,725	4,892	3,673	3,922
67	6,467	9,288	3,323	2,888	2,691	2,280	3,141	3,840	2,540	2,795
68	6,390	8,457	2,870	2,391	2,109	1,867	2,222	2,845	2,447	2,431
69	5,134	5,908	2,142	1,653	1,396	1,172	1,544	1,769	1,426	1,468
70 .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	6	4	4

Age	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71
Total	26,827	31,677	30,466	31,004	29,624	23,633	14,481	8,234	4,061	Nil
65	16,639	20,613	20,178	20,880	20,898	18,058	12,126	7,695	4,061	..
66	4,161	4,278	3,901	4,004	4,541	3,127	1,767	528	..	..
67	2,618	2,978	2,849	2,708	2,129	1,594	572	11	..	..
68	2,093	2,345	2,220	2,003	1,314	819	16	..	..	..
69	1,316	1,461	1,318	1,406	741	35
70	2	..	3	1

(1) Three months, January 1 to March 31, 1952.

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9. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

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1951-52	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	..	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	41,601
1952-53	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	..	87,675
1953-54	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,584	64	4	93,273
1954-55	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
1955-56	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
1956-57	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	89,907
1957-58	5,715	6,906	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	92,484
1958-59	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
1959-60	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,682	5,377	5,477	22,544	750	34,312	5,726	128	52	98,773
1960-61	6,584	7,322	5,098	5,555	5,342	5,395	22,736	801	35,441	5,727	135	48	100,184
1961-62	6,494	7,189	5,082	5,421	5,184	5,248	22,868	897	34,615	5,760	140	46	98,944
1962-63	6,479	7,039	5,448	5,491	5,187	5,421	23,925	1,039	37,086	5,866	144	34	103,159
1963-64	6,644	6,864	5,436	5,447	5,081	5,509	25,197	1,130	38,206	5,549	147	31	105,241
1964-65	6,810	6,829	5,520	5,356	5,088	5,574	26,049	1,229	39,239	5,463	166	31	107,354
1965-66	5,453	5,478	4,241	4,200	4,080	4,423	19,991	988	31,971	3,975	133	26	84,959
1966-67	3,617	4,074	2,956	3,033	3,110	3,134	13,279	712	22,817	1,496	120	15	58,363
1967-68	1,710	2,377	1,647	1,957	844	1,879	1,340	206	12,839	39	75	9	24,922
1968-69	13	949	658	822	..	786	4	..	2,871	..	40	4	6,147
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1972, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Old Age Assistance Act and of the monies of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year 1971-72

1. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Old Age Assistance Act, assented to June 30, 1951, provided for federal sharing, under agreements, of 50 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for assistance to persons who had attained the age of 65 years but who had not reached the eligible age for Old Age Security. The provinces paid assistance to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

Normal operations under the Old Age Assistance Act were terminated on January 1, 1970, when the eligible age for the Old Age Security pension was lowered to 65 years. Persons receiving old age assistance, at that time, subsequently received benefits under the Old Age Security Act.

Agreements under the Old Age Assistance Act made by Canada with the provinces of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia and with the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory have been terminated with effect from March 31, 1971. The agreements with the provinces of Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia were terminated on April 1, 1968, and September 1, 1970, respectively, the dates the provincial Old Age Assistance Acts were repealed.

During the 18 years that the Old Age Assistance program was in active operation, approximately 530,000 persons were assisted and the federal share of payments totalled \$432,679,858. In addition, in accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act the Province of Quebec has since April 1, 1965, received tax abatement monies totalling \$41,038,374.

The federal share of overpayments recovered from former recipients of old age assistance who had been overpaid total approximately \$2,100,000. Recoveries are made from Old Age Security pensions at the request of the pensioner or under the authority of the Financial Administration Act.

2. ADMINISTRATION - FEDERAL

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Social Allowances and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare was responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of assistance payments. The Division is still actively involved in assisting the provinces in recovering overpayments from former recipients. These are persons who had been overpaid while in receipt of assistance and from whom the provinces have been unable to recover the amounts overpaid. At the request of the provinces these cases are referred to the Department of Finance for recovery from old age security pension under authority of the Financial Administration Act.

The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

3. ADMINISTRATION - PROVINCIAL

Old Age Assistance was paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which conformed to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

Provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces.

4. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF OLD AGE PENSIONS

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent March 31, 1927.
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 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;

- (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
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5. RECAPITULATION OF FEDERAL PAYMENTS FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Fiscal Year	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northeast Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	\$...	\$ 6,532.45	\$ 95,673.45	\$ 165,637.56	\$ 690,081.24	\$ 672,512.10	\$ 106,689.51	\$ 133,392.55	\$ 144,051.36	\$ 262,668.27	\$...	\$...	\$ 32,277,238.69
1952-53	833,898.50	66,313.41	893,059.70	1,113,921.31	6,927,593.20	4,586,372.90	1,036,021.86	997,396.06	967,948.46	1,701,854.67	4,257.50	...	\$ 19,128,837.37
1953-54	896,228.59	85,985.94	1,028,756.25	1,268,139.19	7,187,259.43	4,726,152.91	1,112,322.18	1,017,535.28	1,107,190.01	1,863,051.68	14,251.14	880.00	\$ 20,288,152.60
1954-55	898,572.70	98,531.00	1,063,165.10	1,288,095.23	7,392,922.60	4,858,692.93	1,119,638.96	1,089,704.15	1,165,331.91	1,872,909.14	18,941.89	2,220.48	\$ 20,869,126.09
1955-56	877,212.91	99,659.66	1,046,927.35	1,303,188.68	7,357,373.13	4,918,977.94	1,111,603.66	1,150,402.27	1,240,451.68	1,788,308.64	21,000.19	1,080.00	\$ 20,918,186.11
1956-57	1,016,721.40	98,220.39	1,026,319.49	1,276,064.34	7,159,030.50	4,677,967.96	1,065,848.06	1,159,832.81	1,220,050.48	1,669,790.16	22,619.33	6,640.00	\$ 20,399,104.92
1957-58	1,298,169.97	142,257.55	1,318,054.57	1,559,905.44	8,702,892.76	5,650,280.73	1,297,115.27	1,435,187.62	1,538,750.51	1,979,058.25	29,384.56	9,726.00	\$ 24,961,383.23
1958-59	1,713,386.07	191,753.19	1,611,693.19	1,829,265.76	10,593,250.32	6,707,318.27	1,572,889.81	1,763,548.80	1,877,243.00	2,291,661.85	39,989.07	13,279.50	\$ 20,207,284.36
1959-60	1,736,290.55	204,795.00	1,619,202.85	1,788,776.68	10,688,151.37	6,608,442.92	1,580,918.16	1,757,262.44	1,955,162.45	2,353,754.69	40,266.95	14,524.00	\$ 20,347,548.06
1960-61	1,707,883.27	216,869.72	1,608,128.71	1,746,572.42	10,977,063.79	6,659,557.74	1,600,649.64	1,769,692.94	2,008,762.99	2,332,521.16	43,482.47	15,956.50	\$ 20,657,141.05
1961-62	1,672,509.98	248,608.10	1,569,248.48	1,760,484.31	10,894,301.71	6,903,030.92	1,632,229.47	1,761,660.79	2,000,955.96	2,283,927.11	46,021.33	15,507.00	\$ 20,810,585.16
1962-63	1,981,213.35	375,243.56	2,007,871.08	2,065,949.65	13,793,745.27	8,438,292.98	2,001,605.67	2,220,539.45	2,523,720.34	2,675,207.48	54,274.76	15,287.00	\$ 20,381,056.59
1963-64	1,945,020.54	394,847.07	2,084,088.41	2,121,387.79	13,860,075.19	9,134,697.50	2,105,939.67	2,151,490.09	2,559,785.40	2,781,892.45	56,743.30	12,113.50	\$ 20,208,181.11
1964-65	2,220,907.85	508,587.30	2,302,859.91	2,303,178.27	16,589,045.32	10,465,257.22	2,329,362.48	2,294,104.64	2,901,038.56	2,991,012.72	71,721.04	13,880.00	\$ 24,990,955.31
1965-66	2,121,068.34	498,378.08	2,188,256.57	2,161,779.05	...	10,006,000.88	2,188,141.38	2,097,641.77	2,795,633.33	2,836,336.10	73,721.70	13,552.50	\$ 26,980,509.70
1966-67	1,675,756.04	390,465.01	1,667,067.85	1,620,147.77	...	7,238,583.95	1,611,858.10	1,131,432.23	2,092,388.97	2,252,115.48	82,084.57	8,826.35	\$ 19,790,744.32
1967-68	985,355.83	205,734.54	1,089,056.49	1,139,781.17	...	1,366,431.69	1,038,974.96	295,864.68	1,256,490.84	1,520,673.84	46,417.98	5,723.40	\$ 8,950,507.42
1968-69	189,182.84	18,308.35	612,926.15	682,833.59	...	141,677.97	544,640.04	19,416.28	375,906.42	844,273.12	30,536.18	3,312.80	\$ 3,424,181.18
1969-70	8,416.59	475.00	190,581.32	222,483.05	...(1)	26,124.60	151,455.69	13,394.69	24,163.26	268,568.40	10,001.00	646.50	\$ 771,161.32
(2) 1970-71	12,294.60	342.50	10,925.27	8,323.37	53,881.45	22,490.59	11,364.01	10,190.70	15,833.20	13,304.37	943.75	66.00	\$ 159,979.81
(2) 1971-72	10,615.15	55.00	6,249.46	3,649.20	66,175.53	21,551.77	7,893.26	6,681.11	13,485.85	12,796.33	1,238.00	132.00	\$ 150,522.66

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act, which came into force April 1, 1965, funds formerly paid under the Old Age Assistance Act to Quebec are received through a tax abatement to the province. The amounts received by Quebec through this arrangement for the fiscal years 1965-66 to 1969-70 have been as follows:-
1965-66 - \$13,941,412.22; 1966-67 - \$12,291,268.52; 1967-68 - \$8,401,863.71; 1968-69 - \$3,627,831.39 and 1969-70 - \$775,978.44.

(2) Represents the federal share of amounts recovered from former recipients of Old Age Assistance who had been overpaid.

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REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION
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IN CANADA



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To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency the
Annual Report on the administration of the Old Age Assistance Act for
the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

The Honourable Marc Lalonde
Minister of National Health and Welfare

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Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Sir, - In accordance with Section 12 of the Old Age Assistance Act, I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the administration of the Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

A.W. Johnson
Deputy Minister of National Welfare

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year 1972-73

1. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Old Age Assistance Act, assented to June 30, 1951, provided for federal sharing, under agreements, of 50 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for assistance to persons who had attained the age of 65 years but who had not reached the eligible age for Old Age Security. The provinces paid assistance to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

Normal operations under the Old Age Assistance Act were terminated on January 1, 1970, when the eligible age for the Old Age Security pension was lowered to 65 years. Persons receiving old age assistance, at that time, subsequently received benefits under the Old Age Security Act.

Agreements under the Old Age Assistance Act made by Canada with the provinces of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia and with the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory have been terminated with effect from March 31, 1971. The agreements with the provinces of Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia were terminated on April 1, 1968, and September 1, 1970, respectively, the dates the provincial Old Age Assistance Acts were repealed.

During the 18 years that the Old Age Assistance program was in active operation, approximately 530,000 persons were assisted and the federal share of payments totalled \$432,679,858. In addition, in accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act the Province of Quebec has since April 1, 1965, received tax abatement monies totalling approximately \$41,350,000.

The federal share of overpayments recovered from former recipients of old age assistance who had been overpaid totals approximately \$2,160,000. Recoveries are made from Old Age Security pensions at the request of the pensioner or under the authority of the Financial Administration Act.

2. ADMINISTRATION - FEDERAL

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Social Allowances and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare was responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of assistance payments. The Division remains responsible for assisting the provinces in recovering overpayments from former recipients. These are persons who had been overpaid while in receipt of assistance and from whom the provinces have been unable to recover the amounts overpaid. At the request of the provinces these cases are referred to the Department of Finance for recovery from old age security pensions under authority of the Financial Administration Act.

The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

3. ADMINISTRATION - PROVINCIAL

Old Age Assistance was paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which conformed to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

Provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces.

4. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF OLD AGE PENSIONS

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent March 31, 1927.
- 1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931 to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records - Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over - Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension - P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being:
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- (Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year - Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 1949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada - Date of Assent March 25, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.
- 1951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada - Date of Assent May 31, 1951.

1951 The following Acts passed by Parliament -

- (a) Old Age Security Act - Date of Assent December 21, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test. The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repealed the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).
 - (b) Old Age Assistance Act - Date of Assent June 30, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the provinces. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old Age Assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).
 - (c) Blind Persons Act - Date of Assent June 30, 1951. (This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).
- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954, under Old Age Security Act.
- 1954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 26, 1954.
- 1955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month - Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

- 1957 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P. C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid - Date of Assent November 7, 1957.
- Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1959 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.
- 1960 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely - Date of Assent July 7, 1960.
- 1962 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the maximum federal pension from \$55 to \$65 a month - Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- 1963 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from October 1, 1963, the maximum federal pension from \$65 to \$75 a month - Date of Assent October 16, 1963.
- Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from December 1, 1963, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent December 12, 1963.
- 1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 - Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
- 1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, to provide for federal contributions to certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be made through a tax abatement and adjustment payments.
- 1966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.

- 1966 Old Age Assistance Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for Old Age Assistance and to allow the transfer of present recipients of assistance to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.
- 1966 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for payment of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to Old Age Security pensioners in Canada who have little or no other income - Date of Assent December 21, 1966.
- 1970 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from January 1, 1971, the federal pension from \$75 to \$80 a month and to provide for an increase in Guaranteed Income Supplement payments - Date of Assent December 18, 1970.
- 1972 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for an increase in the basic pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement, based on the Consumer Price Index, with effect from January 1, 1972. Date of Assent May 19, 1972.

5. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	2,954	4,134	1,239	3,237	-	2,271	12,697	305	12,267	2,497	-	-	41,601
1952-53	4,688	7,685	4,400	5,371	5,037	4,789	20,401	551	30,490	4,206	57	-	87,675
1953-54	5,014	8,144	4,838	5,756	5,124	5,173	21,587	594	32,391	4,584	64	4	93,273
1954-55	5,341	7,868	4,847	5,808	5,073	5,178	22,061	612	32,882	4,853	90	12	94,625
1955-56	5,521	7,441	4,652	5,891	4,848	5,081	21,731	600	32,227	4,925	86	20	93,023
1956-57	5,400	7,029	4,560	5,624	4,893	4,950	20,744	580	31,031	4,963	102	31	89,907
1957-58	5,715	6,906	4,474	5,724	5,119	5,219	21,077	659	32,318	5,129	103	41	92,484
1958-59	6,096	7,276	4,836	5,795	5,378	5,485	22,381	756	34,134	5,537	124	38	97,836
1959-60	6,336	7,391	4,998	5,682	5,377	5,477	22,544	750	34,312	5,726	128	52	98,773
1960-61	6,584	7,322	5,098	5,555	5,342	5,395	22,736	801	35,441	5,727	135	48	100,184
1961-62	6,494	7,189	5,082	5,421	5,184	5,248	22,868	897	34,615	5,760	140	46	98,944
1962-63	6,479	7,039	5,448	5,491	5,187	5,421	23,925	1,039	37,086	5,866	144	34	103,159
1963-64	6,644	6,864	5,436	5,447	5,081	5,509	25,197	1,130	38,206	5,549	147	31	105,241
1964-65	6,810	6,829	5,520	5,356	5,088	5,574	26,049	1,229	39,239	5,463	166	31	107,354
1965-66	5,453	5,478	4,241	4,200	4,080	4,423	19,991	988	31,971	3,975	133	26	84,959
1966-67	3,617	4,074	2,956	3,033	3,110	3,134	13,279	712	22,817	1,496	120	15	58,363
1967-68	1,710	2,377	1,647	1,957	844	1,879	1,340	206	12,839	39	75	9	24,922
1968-69	13	949	658	822	-	786	4	-	2,871	-	40	4	6,147
*1969-70	-	755	402	606	-	593	-	-	2,253	-	24	2	4,635

*Footnote: Effective January 1, 1970, the eligible age for the Old Age Security Pension was lowered to 65 years. These figures refer to the number of persons receiving assistance as at December 31, 1969.

8. RECAPITULATION OF FEDERAL PAYMENTS FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Fiscal Year	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1951-52	-	6,532.45	95,673.45	165,637.56	690,081.24	672,512.10	106,689.51	133,392.55	144,051.36	262,668.27	-	-	2,277,238.49
1952-53	833,898.50	66,313.41	893,059.70	1,113,921.31	6,927,593.20	4,586,572.90	1,036,021.86	997,396.06	967,948.46	1,701,854.47	4,257.50	-	19,128,837.37
1953-54	896,428.59	85,985.94	1,028,756.25	1,248,339.19	7,187,259.43	4,726,152.91	1,112,322.18	1,017,535.28	1,107,190.01	1,863,051.68	14,251.14	880.00	20,288,152.60
1954-55	898,972.70	98,531.00	1,063,165.10	1,288,095.23	7,392,922.60	4,858,692.93	1,119,638.56	1,089,704.15	1,165,331.91	1,872,909.14	18,941.89	2,220.48	20,869,126.09
1955-56	877,212.91	99,659.66	1,046,927.35	1,303,188.68	7,357,373.13	4,918,977.94	1,111,603.66	1,150,402.27	1,240,451.68	1,788,308.64	21,000.19	3,080.00	20,918,186.11
1956-57	1,016,721.40	98,220.39	1,026,319.49	1,276,064.34	7,159,030.50	4,677,967.96	1,065,848.06	1,159,832.81	1,220,050.48	1,669,790.16	22,619.33	6,640.00	20,399,104.92
1957-58	1,298,769.97	142,257.55	1,318,054.57	1,559,905.44	8,702,892.76	5,650,280.73	1,297,115.27	1,435,187.62	1,538,750.31	1,979,058.25	29,384.56	9,726.00	24,961,383.23
1958-59	1,715,386.07	191,758.72	1,611,693.19	1,829,265.76	10,593,250.32	6,707,318.27	1,572,889.81	1,763,548.80	1,877,243.00	2,291,661.85	39,989.07	13,279.50	30,207,284.36
1959-60	1,736,290.55	204,795.00	1,619,202.85	1,788,776.68	10,688,131.37	6,608,442.92	1,580,918.16	1,757,262.44	1,955,162.45	2,333,754.69	40,266.95	14,524.00	30,347,548.06
1960-61	1,707,883.27	216,869.72	1,608,128.71	1,746,572.42	10,977,063.79	6,629,557.24	1,600,649.64	1,769,692.94	2,008,762.99	2,332,521.36	43,482.47	15,956.50	30,657,141.05
1961-62	1,672,509.98	248,608.10	1,569,348.48	1,760,484.31	10,896,301.71	6,903,030.92	1,652,229.47	1,761,660.79	2,000,955.96	2,283,927.11	46,021.33	15,507.00	30,810,585.16
1962-63	1,987,213.35	375,349.56	2,007,871.08	2,065,949.65	13,793,745.27	8,438,292.98	2,001,605.67	2,220,539.45	2,523,720.34	2,675,207.48	54,274.76	15,287.00	38,179,056.59
1963-64	1,945,020.54	394,947.07	2,084,088.41	2,121,387.79	13,860,075.19	9,134,697.50	2,105,939.67	2,151,490.09	2,559,785.40	2,781,892.45	56,743.50	12,113.50	39,208,181.11
1964-65	2,220,907.85	508,587.30	2,302,859.91	2,303,178.27	16,589,045.32	10,465,257.22	2,329,362.48	2,294,104.64	2,901,038.56	2,991,012.72	71,721.04	13,880.00	44,990,955.31
1965-66	2,121,068.34	498,378.08	2,188,256.57	2,161,779.05	-	10,006,000.88	2,188,141.38	2,097,641.77	2,795,633.33	2,836,336.10	73,721.70	13,552.50	26,980,509.70
1966-67	1,675,756.04	390,463.01	1,667,067.85	1,620,147.77	-	7,238,583.95	1,611,858.10	1,131,452.23	2,092,388.97	2,252,115.48	62,084.57	8,826.35	19,750,744.32
1967-68	985,355.83	205,734.54	1,089,056.49	1,139,781.17	-	1,366,431.69	1,038,974.96	295,864.68	1,256,490.84	1,520,673.84	46,417.98	5,725.40	8,950,507.42
1968-69	1,89,182.84	18,308.35	612,926.15	682,833.59	-	141,677.97	544,640.04	19,416.28	375,906.42	844,273.12	30,536.18	3,312.80	3,424,181.18
1969-70	8,416.59	475.00	190,581.32	222,483.05	-(1)	26,124.60	151,455.69	13,394.69	24,163.26	268,568.40	10,001.00	646.50	771,161.82
(2) 1970-71	12,294.60	342.50	10,925.27	8,323.37	53,881.45	22,490.59	11,364.01	10,190.70	15,853.20	13,304.37	943.75	66.00	159,979.81
(2) 1971-72	10,615.15	55.00	6,249.46	3,649.20	66,175.53	21,551.77	7,893.26	6,681.11	13,485.85	12,796.33	1,238.00	132.00	150,522.66
(2) 1972-73	10,833.83	-	3,356.29	1,562.40	14,768.81	19,288.47	4,519.95	2,734.68	6,120.47	595.96	721.34	-	34,964.58
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(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act, which came into force April 1, 1965, funds formerly paid under the Old Age Assistance Act to Quebec are received through a tax abatement to the province.

(2) Represents the federal share of amounts recovered from former recipients of Old Age Assistance who had been overpaid.

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**REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE
IN CANADA**

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To His Excellency The Right Honourable Jules Leger, C.C., C.M.M., C.D.,
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency the
Annual Report on the administration of the Old Age Assistance Act for
the fiscal year ended March 31, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,

The Honourable Marc Lalonde
Minister of National Health and Welfare

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Sir, - In accordance with Section 12 of the Old Age Assistance Act, I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the administration of the Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,

A.W. Johnson
Deputy Minister of National Welfare

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year 1973-74

1. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Old Age Assistance Act, assented to June 30, 1951, provided for federal sharing, under agreements, of 50 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for assistance to persons who had attained the age of 65 years but who had not reached the eligible age for Old Age Security. The provinces paid assistance to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

Normal operations under the Old Age Assistance Act were terminated on January 1, 1970, when the eligible age for the Old Age Security pension was lowered to 65 years. Persons receiving old age assistance, at that time, subsequently received benefits under the Old Age Security Act.

Agreements under the Old Age Assistance Act made by Canada with the provinces of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia and with the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory have been terminated with effect from March 31, 1971. The agreements with the provinces of Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia were terminated on April 1, 1968, and September 1, 1970, respectively, the dates the provincial Old Age Assistance Acts were repealed.

During the 18 years that the Old Age Assistance program was in active operation, approximately 530,000 persons were assisted and the federal share of payments totalled \$432,679,858. In addition, in accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act the Province of Quebec has since April 1, 1965, received tax abatement monies totalling approximately \$41,407,000.

The federal share of overpayments recovered from former recipients of old age assistance who had been overpaid totals approximately \$2,205,000. Recoveries are made from Old Age Security pensions at the request of the pensioner or under the authority of the Financial Administration Act.

2. ADMINISTRATION - FEDERAL

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Social Allowances and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare was responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of assistance payments. The Division remains responsible for assisting the provinces in recovering overpayments from former recipients. These are persons who had been overpaid while in receipt of assistance and from whom the provinces have been unable to recover the amounts overpaid. At the request of the provinces these cases are referred to the Department of Finance for recovery from old age security pensions under authority of the Financial Administration Act.

The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

3. ADMINISTRATION - PROVINCIAL

Old Age Assistance was paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which conformed to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

Provincial authorities responsible for the administration of old age assistance work within the welfare departments of the provinces.

4. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF OLD AGE PENSIONS

- 1927 Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent March 31, 1927.
- 1931 Old Age Pensions Act amended with effect from July 31, 1931 to increase federal share of pension payments from 50 to 75 per cent and to authorize federal audit of provincial pension records - Date of Assent August 3, 1931.
- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over - Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension - P.C. 3377, dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised, the most significant amendments being:
- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of any applicant in receipt of an allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (provision made from 1937 for disqualification of a blind pensioner in receipt of an allowance in respect of blindness under the War Veterans' Allowance Act or a pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- (Amending Act assented to July 17, 1947. Effective May 1, 1947).
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year - Date of Assent April 30, 1949. Effective May 1, 1949.
- 1949 Provision in the Statute Law Amendment (Newfoundland) Act that for the purposes of the Old Age Pensions Act residence and presence in Newfoundland deemed to be residence and presence in Canada - Date of Assent March 25, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.
- 1951 British North America Act amended by the United Kingdom Parliament to authorize the Parliament of Canada to make laws in relation to old age pensions in Canada - Date of Assent May 31, 1951.

1951 The following Acts passed by Parliament -

- (a) Old Age Security Act - Date of Assent December 21, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for universal federal old age pensions of \$40 a month with a residence test of 20 years in Canada but without any means test. The Act also provided for an Old Age Security tax and repealed the Old Age Pensions Act, the date of repeal to be determined by proclamation).
- (b) Old Age Assistance Act - Date of Assent June 30, 1951. (This Act, in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security in 1950, provided for federal-provincial assistance of \$40 a month at age 65, shared equally, payable subject to a residence requirement of 20 years in Canada and a means test and administered by the provinces. Unlike the Old Age Pensions Act, the new Act did not exclude Indians. It also made no reference to the recovery of assistance payments from the estates of deceased recipients. In addition to the former authority to fix in an agreement with Canada its own maximum payments and the amounts of maximum income allowed, a province was authorized to specify the minimum age of a recipient and any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law. Federal payments to the provinces were monthly instead of quarterly as under the Old Age Pensions Act. Old Age Assistance was not payable to persons receiving pensions under the Old Age Security Act or allowances under the Blind Persons Act or the War Veterans' Allowance Act).
- (c) Blind Persons Act - Date of Assent June 30, 1951. (This Act provided allowances of \$40 a month for blind persons at age 21. Its provisions were similar to the Old Age Assistance Act but the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher. The residence requirement was 10 years instead of 20 years. The provinces were authorized to specify in their agreements only the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The federal share of seventy-five per cent was payable monthly).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act and Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954, by proclamation dated March 31, 1954, under Old Age Security Act.
- 1954 Disabled Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 26, 1954.
- 1955 Disabled Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by proclamation dated November 23, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum federal pension from \$40 to \$46 a month - Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957 the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

- 1957 Definition of the expression "totally and permanently disabled" shortened and simplified by an amendment to the Disabled Persons Regulations made by Order in Council P. C. 1957-715 of May 27, 1957, with effect from July 1, 1957.
- 1957 Old Age Security Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum federal pension from \$46 to \$55 a month, to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years and to extend the period of absence from Canada for which pension may be paid - Date of Assent November 7, 1957.
- Old Age Assistance Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum amount of assistance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to reduce the required period of residence in Canada from 20 to 10 years - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- Disabled Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month, to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed and to alter an outright prohibition applying to certain institutions to a conditional authority to grant allowances - Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1959 Clark Report tabled in House of Commons, March 5, 1959. This report compared in detail the operations of the plans in the United States and Canada for providing financial assistance for older persons.
- 1960 Old Age Security Act amended with effect from July 1, 1960, to permit payment to continue for a period of six months to any pensioner who absents himself from Canada, and, in the case of a pensioner who has resided in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21, to continue indefinitely - Date of Assent July 7, 1960.
- 1962 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the maximum federal pension from \$55 to \$65 a month - Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from February 1, 1962, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- 1963 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from October 1, 1963, the maximum federal pension from \$65 to \$75 a month - Date of Assent October 16, 1963.
- Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act amended to increase from December 1, 1963, the amounts of maximum assistance or allowance from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent December 12, 1963.
- 1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 - Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
- 1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, to provide for federal contributions to certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be made through a tax abatement and adjustment payments.
- 1966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.

- 1966 Old Age Assistance Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for Old Age Assistance and to allow the transfer of present recipients of assistance to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.
- 1966 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for payment of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to Old Age Security pensioners in Canada who have little or no other income - Date of Assent December 21, 1966.
- 1970 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from January 1, 1971, the federal pension from \$75 to \$80 a month and to provide for an increase in Guaranteed Income Supplement payments - Date of Assent December 18, 1970.
- 1972 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for an increase in the basic pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement, based on the Consumer Price Index, with effect from January 1, 1972. Date of Assent May 19, 1972.

5. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Fiscal Year	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52	-	305	2,271	3,237	12,267	12,697	1,239	2,497	2,954	4,134	-	-	41,601
1952-53	5,037	551	4,789	5,371	30,490	20,401	4,400	4,206	4,688	7,685	57	-	87,675
1953-54	5,124	594	5,173	5,756	32,391	21,587	4,838	4,584	5,014	8,144	64	4	93,273
1954-55	5,073	612	5,178	5,808	32,882	22,061	4,847	4,853	5,341	7,868	90	12	94,625
1955-56	4,848	600	5,081	5,891	32,227	21,731	4,652	4,925	5,521	7,441	86	20	93,023
1956-57	4,893	580	4,950	5,624	31,031	20,744	4,560	4,963	5,400	7,029	102	31	89,907
1957-58	5,119	659	5,219	5,724	32,318	21,077	4,474	5,129	5,715	6,906	103	41	92,484
1958-59	5,378	756	5,485	5,795	34,134	22,381	4,836	5,537	6,096	7,276	124	38	97,836
1959-60	5,377	750	5,477	5,682	34,312	22,544	4,998	5,726	6,336	7,391	128	52	98,773
1960-61	5,342	801	5,395	5,555	35,441	22,736	5,098	5,727	6,584	7,322	135	48	100,184
1961-62	5,184	897	5,248	5,421	34,615	22,868	5,082	5,760	6,494	7,189	140	46	98,944
1962-63	5,187	1,039	5,421	5,491	37,086	23,925	5,448	5,866	6,479	7,039	144	34	103,159
1963-64	5,081	1,130	5,509	5,447	38,206	25,197	5,436	5,549	6,644	6,864	147	31	105,241
1964-65	5,088	1,229	5,574	5,356	39,239	26,049	5,520	5,463	6,810	6,829	166	31	107,354
1965-66	4,080	988	4,423	4,200	31,971	19,991	4,241	3,975	5,453	5,478	133	26	84,959
1966-67	3,110	712	3,134	3,033	22,817	13,279	2,956	1,496	3,617	4,074	120	15	58,363
1967-68	844	206	1,879	1,957	12,839	1,340	1,647	39	1,710	2,377	75	9	24,922
1968-69	-	-	786	822	2,871	4	658	-	13	949	40	4	6,147
*1969-70	-	-	593	606	2,253	-	402	-	-	755	24	2	4,635

*Footnote: Effective January 1, 1970, the eligible age for the Old Age Security Pension was lowered to 65 years. These figures refer to the number of persons receiving assistance as at December 31, 1969.

8. RECAPITULATION OF FEDERAL PAYMENTS FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Fiscal Year	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1951-52	-	6,532.45	95,673.45	165,637.56	690,081.24	672,512.10	106,689.51	133,392.55	144,051.36	262,668.27	-	-	2,277,238.49
1952-53	833,898.50	66,313.41	893,059.70	1,113,921.31	6,927,593.20	4,586,572.90	1,036,021.86	997,396.06	967,948.46	1,701,854.47	4,257.50	-	19,128,837.37
1953-54	896,428.59	85,985.94	1,028,756.25	1,248,339.19	7,187,259.43	4,726,152.91	1,112,322.18	1,017,535.28	1,107,190.01	1,863,051.68	14,251.14	880.00	20,288,152.60
1954-55	898,972.70	98,531.00	1,063,165.10	1,288,095.23	7,392,922.60	4,858,692.93	1,119,638.96	1,089,704.15	1,165,331.91	1,872,909.14	18,941.89	2,220.48	20,869,126.09
1955-56	877,212.91	99,659.66	1,046,927.35	1,303,188.68	7,357,372.63	4,918,977.94	1,111,603.66	1,150,402.27	1,240,451.68	1,788,308.64	21,000.19	3,080.00	20,918,186.11
1956-57	1,016,721.40	98,220.39	1,026,319.49	1,276,064.34	7,159,030.50	4,677,967.96	1,065,848.06	1,159,832.81	1,220,050.48	1,669,790.16	22,619.33	6,640.00	20,399,104.92
1957-58	1,298,769.97	142,257.55	1,318,054.57	1,559,905.44	8,702,892.76	6,707,318.27	1,572,889.81	1,763,548.80	1,877,243.00	2,291,661.85	9,726.00	9,726.00	24,961,383.23
1958-59	1,715,386.07	191,758.72	1,611,693.19	1,829,265.76	10,593,250.32	6,608,442.92	1,580,918.16	1,757,262.44	1,955,162.45	2,353,754.69	39,989.07	13,279.50	30,207,284.36
1959-60	1,736,290.55	204,795.00	1,619,202.85	1,788,776.68	10,688,151.37	6,629,557.24	1,600,649.64	1,769,692.94	2,008,762.99	2,332,521.36	40,266.95	14,524.00	30,347,568.06
1960-61	1,707,883.27	216,869.72	1,608,128.71	1,746,572.42	10,977,063.79	6,903,030.92	1,652,229.47	1,61,660.79	2,000,955.96	2,283,927.11	43,482.47	15,956.50	30,657,141.05
1961-62	1,672,509.98	248,608.10	1,569,348.48	1,760,484.31	10,896,301.71	8,458,292.98	2,001,605.67	2,220,539.45	2,523,720.34	2,675,207.48	56,274.76	15,287.00	30,810,585.16
1962-63	1,987,213.35	375,349.56	2,007,871.08	2,065,949.65	13,793,745.27	9,134,697.50	2,105,939.67	2,151,490.09	2,559,785.40	2,781,892.45	56,743.50	12,113.50	38,179,056.59
1963-64	1,945,020.54	394,947.07	2,084,088.41	2,121,387.79	13,860,075.19	10,465,257.22	2,329,362.48	2,294,104.64	2,901,038.56	2,991,012.72	71,721.04	13,880.00	44,990,955.31
1964-65	2,220,907.85	508,587.30	2,302,859.91	2,303,178.27	16,589,045.32	10,006,000.88	2,188,141.38	2,097,641.77	2,795,633.33	2,836,336.10	73,721.70	13,552.50	26,980,509.70
1965-66	2,121,068.34	498,378.08	2,188,256.57	2,161,779.05	-	7,238,583.95	1,611,858.10	1,131,432.23	2,092,388.97	2,232,115.48	62,084.57	8,826.35	19,750,744.32
1966-67	1,675,756.04	390,443.01	1,667,067.85	1,620,147.77	-	1,366,431.69	1,038,974.96	295,864.68	1,256,490.84	1,520,673.84	46,417.98	5,725.40	8,950,507.42
1967-68	985,355.83	205,734.54	1,089,056.49	1,139,781.17	-	141,677.97	544,640.04	19,416.28	375,906.42	844,273.12	30,536.18	3,312.80	3,424,181.18
1968-69	189,182.84	18,308.35	612,926.15	682,833.59	-	26,124.60	151,455.69	13,394.69	24,163.26	288,568.40	10,001.00	646.50	771,161.82
1969-70	8,416.59	475.00	190,581.32	222,483.05	-(1)	22,490.59	11,364.01	10,190.70	15,853.20	13,304.37	943.75	66.00	159,979.81
1970-71	12,294.60	342.50	10,925.27	8,323.37	53,881.45	21,551.77	7,893.26	6,681.11	13,485.85	12,796.33	1,238.00	132.00	150,522.66
1971-72	10,615.15	55.00	6,249.46	3,649.20	66,175.53	19,288.47	4,519.95	2,734.68	6,120.47	595.96	721.34	-	34,964.58
1972-73	10,833.83	-	3,356.29	1,562.40	14,768.81	14,344.51	2,549.60	1,192.91	3,420.90	4,892.88	538.00	-	59,221.59
(2) 1973-74	11,406.35	-	1,176.40	542.50	19,157.54	14,344.51	2,549.60	1,192.91	3,420.90	4,892.88	538.00	-	59,221.59
	(Cr)	(Cr)	(Cr)	(Cr)	(Cr)	(Cr)	(Cr)	(Cr)	(Cr)	(Cr)	(Cr)	(Cr)	(Cr)

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act, which came into force April 1, 1965, funds formerly paid under the Old Age Assistance Act to Quebec are received through a tax abatement to the province.

(2) Credits shown for the years 1968-69 to 1973-74 represent the federal share of amounts recovered from former recipients of Old Age Assistance who had been overpaid.

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